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From the primal source of the universe, to the all knowing bliss. From East of the sunrise, and West of the sunset. In the Light of the noonday stillness. From the lily, through the rose, to the locus supreme, All are children of the One.



*“A rock pile ceases to be a rock pile
the moment a single man contemplates it,
bearing within him the image of a cathedral.”*

-Saint Exubery, “Flight to Arras”





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Preface



Even if you don't understand why, every child born on the planet belongs to you.

You may wonder what benefit might exist in studying 12 brothers and sisters when there are only two children in your family. Perhaps you are too young to have children or aren't planning to have children of your own. Whatever your age or circumstances, there are very real reasons why you benefit from learning the distinct qualities of children.

Children are one of the primary ways we open ourselves to something greater.

The human mind and body is a miracle. There are mysteries and possibilities which science and theology will not discover for thousands of years. The wonder found in life, within and around us, is constantly waiting for us to peer through the veil and discover something more. In the myriad forms of nature, there exists a boundless cornucopia of truths hidden in plain sight. Nature holds up a mirror and reflects back to us an endless hallway of possibilities. What exists in nature is also found within us.

Within the human digestive tract, there are over five hundred different species of beneficial bacteria deeply involved in our capacity to be alive. The actual number of organisms inhabiting the human body is in the trillions. The number of organisms within the body exceeds the number of cells that compose the entire body. There is a universe within the human body. There is also a universe within the mind.

The mind is as much a miracle as all of nature and the human body. There are endless ideas, inventions, and possibilities waiting for some bright, awake mind to pierce through the veil of mysteries and bring to all of us something wonderful. By learning to respect and love nature, the mind is both sharpened and expanded simultaneously.

By learning to know and love children, our bodies are enlivened and our minds illuminated.

When we take time to study the number one son, another level of the mind is expanded. Then learning to appreciate the contrasting beauties of the number two son, a different area of the mind is opened. The inspired softness of the first son and the dynamic fire of the second son give us a deeper connection to ourselves. There is a number one son and a number two son in all of us. As we realize this, we grow. As we begin to see and feel the inspiration and vital life force around us, our love on the inside connects with the love on the outside, and we grow even more. When we increase our love of all twelve brothers and sisters within us, we discover how they become the instruments by which we navigate and enjoy this profoundly beautiful gift we call the universe. This is the basis upon which the Rayid Model of Birth Order is founded.

You are all twelve brothers and sisters at the same time. By learning to know them, you are learning to know who you really are.

Introduction

Children are one of the most precious gifts in our life. Like jewels of great value, they are to be treasured. They open our hearts, bring us joy, make us laugh and, at times, bring us to tears. They touch us in ways that no other can, moving us with their passion for living. They are indeed gifts as valuable and as varied in their character as jewels within a treasure chest.

What is it that creates the unique qualities of each child?

Why do your children's personality and behavior differ?

Do you wonder why two children get along well, but another doesn't seem to fit and is constantly doing things that upset the family's stability and unity?

Have you ever felt guilty that you feel closer to one child than another?



Research into family dynamic indicates that the order in which we are born has enormous influence on personality. Everyone is born with distinct character and

talents that distinguish us from every other person in our family. These qualities, body type, and creative expression are all defined by the birth order and gender of a child.

The Rayid Birth Order Model allows for a deeper understanding of the innate qualities and the subtle nuances of each personality. When this inner capacity for goodness is identified, acknowledged, and nurtured in childhood, it brings strength and success to the child. This knowledge enables parents, guardians, and teachers to specifically guide and support children towards the fulfillment of the purpose for which they were conceived. From that platform, the child is better equipped to master challenges in life and experience happiness in relationships.



Rayid Birth Order teaches that within each child is a 'truth' waiting to be set free. That truth is the unique spiritual genius hidden within the child. No two children have exactly the same truth. Even identical twins are individually distinctive, like a fingerprint, every child is unique. As that quality of being special is acknowledged and nurtured, the genius within the child flourishes.

It is the sacred privilege of adults to discover and love the emerging truth within each child. As this truth is fostered and cherished, the child brings forth a special gift for the entire world to enjoy. Each child is capable of doing something better than anyone else does. A child's special gift may be in the arts or sciences, in healing or wisdom. It may be expressed in silence or shouted from the mountaintops. Whatever it is, the gift within the child raises the consciousness of humankind and benefits everyone.



Some children are particularly blessed, and their genius emerges without any help. Some children's gifts will flourish regardless of whatever painful things occur in childhood. They are indeed fortunate, but they are the minority. Most children are in need of help from a healthy community in order to realize and attain their highest potential. Without loving help, children can become adults who lead lives of quiet desperation. They know they are special, but because they cannot connect with or express their uniqueness, they live their lives feeling that something is missing. The special genius within most people doesn't just happen as a natural result of growing up. Paying attention to the universal and specific qualities within each child begins to unfold the genius within the child. Ultimately, everyone benefits. One of the ways of achieving this is through an understanding of a child's birth order.



Every mother knows that each of her children is unique. Even if she had two sons by the same father, the differences between them soon become obvious. The same would be true if she had two daughters. A mother may wonder if she is responsible for the differences by virtue of her genes, diet, or emotional state during pregnancy. A father may scratch his head and wonder if he is actually the father of both children when he sees how differently they behave. Nature may seem to play games with parents, but the gender and sequence of children are no accident.



The Rayid Birth Order Model sees a clear pattern in the nature of the first six boys and the first six girls born in a family. The birth sequence number determines the innate personality pattern and body type of each child. Although each child has a unique combination of characteristics from the family tree, there are universal traits common to each birth order number. Cultural, social, and family tree patterns will modify the characteristics, but the universal force of the birth order remains constant.

The number sequence of a child's birth order is key. The father determines the order of succession. Children conceived by the father follow a precise sequence of six types, regardless of who is the mother. An embryo who survives longer than sixteen weeks of gestation is included in this automatic sequence. Any fetus lost after sixteen weeks still remains as part of the sequence.

Children follow the birth number of the previous child. For example, if the first child conceived is lost in the fifth month of pregnancy or is still-born, then the second child is considered a 'number two' child. This principle holds true if the father conceives a child with one woman and then has another child with a different wom-

an. The second child is still considered a 'number two' child regardless of how many other children either woman has previously conceived.



It is rare that a father produces six boys or six girls in a row. Nevertheless, the characteristics described for these boys and girls build the foundation for understanding the birth order characteristics of all children. A variety of patterns of girls and boys born to a father can be understood based on the initial pattern set by the gender of the first born.

By studying each of the individual six brothers and the six sisters, it is possible to understand different combinations of gender and birth order. With a little practice and patience in applying these principles, the natural genius of any child can be identified and supported.

Within a family, the sibling sequence follows a binary code or polarity of opposites, such as, outward or inward expression. This energetic shift from one opposite to another is displayed in many forms. If the first born child is a girl, she sets the order that follows. Subsequent siblings fall in line with the first girl position. If the first born is male, all his siblings follow a pattern influenced by his first boy status. We can take a first born boy, for example. If the first born is a boy/he is inner-directed, mentally oriented, and smaller in stature. The second born child, after this boy, is diametrically opposite. The child will be outer directed, emotionally oriented, and bigger in body. This alternating pattern continues throughout a family. There are exceptions to this that will be explained later in the text. Recognizing this binary pro-

cess helps in the understanding of the birth order model. These alternating patterns of opposites can make parenting challenging. Just when parents begin to figure out their first child, the second comes along and refutes whatever they thought they had learned! Being alert to how children alternate between inward/outward, mental and emotional natures can be extremely important in accepting and supporting who your children are.



Understanding the special gifts and characteristics associated with a child's birth order position is both a blessing and a relief. When a deep understanding of a child's innate nature and gifts is coupled with a conscious love for the child, a parent can more effectively coach and build the child for greater fulfillment.

In addition to the importance of finding the special gifts in each child, the study of birth order brings light to the full range of human expression.

Although we each have individual gifts that make us special, it is important to recognize the potential for each individual. We each have the capacity to access all of these character traits and qualities. If man is created in God's image, a self-actualized person has the creative ability for the whole spectrum of talents and capabilities.



*There is a special light within each of us,
waiting to be discovered and increased*

Section I

Introduction of Six Brothers





“Whenever you breathe! think lofty thoughts or gaze at a star-filled night, you are engaging the divine blessing of a Number One Son.”

CHARACTERISTICS	NATURE SYMBOLS
• Physically delicate • Mentally detached • Inwardly creative • Sensitive	• Air, Cloud, Grass, Bird, Fawn, Koala

If the first-born child in a family is a boy, he is usually physically delicate with a gentle, dreamy, and detached mind. He might be termed “lithe sensitive one” or “lithe dreamer”. To many parents, his seeming lack of focus and motivation can be frustrating. No. 1 boy is mentally oriented and generally introverted when he is young. He often appears detached, as if in a mental fog, throughout his childhood and early teenage years. Yet, this inspired dreamer is highly creative and his mind is busy gestating a new idea or brilliant invention that needs time and space to develop and manifest.

A No. 1 boy usually feels a greater connection with his mother and at times may clash with his father. In any situation of family conflict, he looks to be his mother's protector. Because of the depth of his love, this child warms and opens his mother's heart. With such a close bond, it is important that she does not use him as a surrogate partner, seeking from him the affection and support that she may not be receiving from her spouse. A mother of a first born son needs to give him freedom. Remaining tied to her apron strings can make it difficult for him to have a positive, healthy relationship in adulthood.



You will find that, generally, a first born son wants to be different from his father. This is not always easy for his father to accept. He derives his characteristics (strength of character) from his mother's side of the family, especially his maternal grandfather (mother's father), so it is rare that he is like his father. This boy loves freedom. If a father tries to make No. 1 boy follow in his footsteps, he runs the risk of suppressing the child. If a No. 1 boy feels pushed, especially by his father, to do something or follow a particular educational path, he can become stubborn or self-sabotaging, destroying his ability to achieve his own potential. He is like God's donkey inspired and yet rebellious, silent and passively aggressive. He simply will not do what he is told.



No. 1 boy will respond best if his father is gentle with him and treats him with respect. When the relationship to the father is unbalanced, he begins to express quiet anger. Sensitive to criticism, be careful not to correct or deny him. A parent should encourage the child's comments or views. Ask him to tell you more about a subject under discussion, to explain what he means and why he feels that way. Encourage the output of his remarkably creative imagination. It is important that a parent supports this child's dreams.

When he "wakes up", which may not happen until his mid-forties, he will take his remarkable creativity into the world. To wake-up means to finally become aware of who he is and what his dreams are telling him.



It is valuable to support No. 1 boy's ability to come up with his own solutions to situations or problems and learn from the results of his own decisions. Parents need to be patient with him and be close on a feeling level without pushing him to do things. Touch him softly.

Society is not always easy on a No. 1 son, who is expected to grow up quickly, get a job, and become responsible. Remember this child has a quality like grass. If you continually walk on him, he will feel crushed and his creative potential begins to die. However, if a parent nurtures and supports him, he grows strong. Like a ripe field of wheat, he will produce an abundant golden harvest, which can eventually ‘feed’ his family forever. This child is sweet inspiration. Show him the stars and speak to him about the love of the Universe, and there are no limits to what he can achieve. By giving him the respect that is so crucial to his growth and well-being, No. 1 boy will grow up gentle, resilient, and honest.

When the Polarity Shifts ...

If you have read this section and found that it does not apply to you or your family, then your situation falls into the small percentage of cases where a polarity shift has occurred in the family. Remember, the first-born son is a contradiction to his father. Therefore, if the father is absent or passive, this will shift to another life expression. He becomes energetically like a No. 2 son, physically and emotionally determined.

This polarity switching, like a ripple effect, then flows through all subsequent siblings.

The topic of “When the Polarity Shifts” will be found at the end of each birth order description.

The concept of polarities and how they shift is rich with depth and detail. In this introductory book, we will only give a brief description of how this operates in the family.

	QUALITIES	NEEDS	BECOMES	IDEAL
	Dreamer	Respect	Engineer	Leader

In Essence

With this beautiful child, remember to direct his attention to shapes of clouds and the twinkle of stars. If you do this often enough, there will come a day when he will remind you to lift your own head. It will bring the nicest smile to your face.

GIFTS TO HELP HIM GROW

- **Compass, Kite, Telescope, Star Chart, Legos, Clarinet**



LIKELY CAREERS

- **Engineering, Philosophy, Leadership, Farming**





“Whenever you feel passion, shout with strength or boldly proclaim your personal purpose in the world, you are experiencing the divine blessing of Number Two Son.”

CHARACTERISTICS	NATURE SYMBOLS
• Physically strong • Emotional • Determined • Courageous	• Fire, Horse, Bull, Volcano, Badger

A second child after a first born boy is symbolically called “the bull”, “champion”, “bold horse” or “the small gorilla”. These names epitomize the emotionally oriented, extroverted nature of this child. Physically strong and expressive, his energy is directed into his body with a fiery passion and a grounded physical force. His energy is diametrically opposite to his older brother’s (No. 1 boy) dreamy inner direction.



A No. 2 boy displays strength and determination. He yearns for contact with his father. A father's focused guidance will assist this child to become more practical and successful. This demanding child needs his father to be firm with him, setting boundaries and goals to achieve his greatest potential. If unsupported or left to himself too long, he becomes emotionally reactive or withdrawn.

A No. 2 boy has the potential to be very good at sports or athletics. He gains a sense of individuality through experiences of the body by directing his life force into the immediate physical world. However, like a strong wild horse, this child needs training and clear limits. Using eye-to-eye contact and concise directions will help him focus and bring out the best within himself.

Being in a yang/masculine position, this child is not always kind to his mother. A mother with a No. 2 boy may wonder what she has done wrong.



This "little gorilla" is looking to experience firmness and strength of the masculine energy, something that mothers can seldom provide. This child enjoys and needs physical touch and encouragement to enable him to become the champion he has the potential to be. It is valuable for a father to spend time engaged in horseplay with him.

When out of balance, this child becomes angry, blaming, reactive, and, at times, cynical or withdrawn. He needs to learn how to manage his inner fire.

The relationship between a No. 2 boy and his older sibling can be difficult at times. The second son may have difficulty verbally communicating his thoughts and feelings. He often responds first with his fists or outbursts. He can be emotionally and physically aggressive, and a physical response may be the only way he knows how to deal with his siblings annoying ways. Yet each child in a family has a gift which will assist his siblings to be more effective in the world. The role of the first son helps his brother with the experience of dreams and images. The second son helps his older brother have more contact with his body.



Throughout his life, a No. 2 boy will face many challenges that will mold his innate being. This fierce young athlete will learn that, to achieve his goals, he must temper his emotional nature with focused concentration of the mind. As he moves out from his family circle into the world, life experiences will teach him how to balance his passion with a quiet inner peace. To be effective and successful, he must learn how to plan and organize his time and energy, work with others, and create healthy, lasting friendships and partnerships. He will come to let go of the need for abundant material possessions, knowing that all he ever needed is within.

When the Polarity Shifts ...

When a No. 2 son's polarity shifts, he will become like a three boy, more mentally oriented. This experience sharpens his mind and opens his heart. He may seek a deeper understanding of the mysteries of the universe, exploring spiritual and metaphysical principles. He may also be fascinated with the intricacies of the internal components of a computer or television.



In Essence...

Go often to this child and touch him for a few seconds, but do not be disturbed if he pulls back from you. What he needs most from you is consistency. Never withdraw your affection from him to punish or direct him. Think twice before you touch him with your anger or frustration. He will remember every verbal or physical lash, and use it against others later in life. Let your heart be firm with this child. Show him you know the purpose of eternity. When he falls off to sleep, softly place your hand on him. Hold your hand there for at least a moment or two. Through the presence of your love, his fire will grow into the fire of innocence.

When you find yourself in one of those difficult situations in which you are tempted to blame others for problems you have created, remember this child is learning from you. If you start to act like a stubborn or kicking donkey to get your way in your personal or professional life, stop for a moment ... take a slow breath. Remember the inner virtues this child teaches you; passion without peace is violence. When you are tempted to just quit on the road of life, remember the inner virtues this child embodies; fire in the heart is courage.

GIFTS TO HELP HIM GROW

- **Drum Set, Sport Accessories, Sledge Hammer, Riding Lessons**



LIKELY CAREERS

- **Sports, Construction, Marketing, Mining**





“Whenever you see clearly, discover a truth and share it with others, or access the rapture of individuality, you have realized the divine blessing of Number Three Son.”

CHARACTERISTICS	NATURE SYMBOLS
• Physically delicate • Mentally oriented • Quietly clever • Social mediator	• Fish, Fox, Coyote, Weasel, River, Falcon, Dingo

A third child (after a first-born boy) is allegorically called “the fox” or “chameleon.” The No. 3 boy often has a small delicate build, appears shy, and prefers to work behind the scenes. However, do not be misled} for the child in this birth order position is anything but delicate. He has superior networking skills, is a clever strategist, and will find the easiest way to do anything. No. 3 boy likes to win. Having very good communication skills, he has the capacity to be an excellent diplomat, negotiator, or mediator. This child seldom accepts “no” as an answer. He will keep finding better ways to explain himself until he wears down the resistance of his parents or those

around him! His skill as a chameleon enables him to relate well to all people, but with deep connections to no one.



A child in this position is mentally oriented with a mind that is clever, quick, focused, and detailed. It is valuable to note that the first, third, and fifth children have similar qualities expressed in different ways, but all connected to the mind. No. 1 son dreams of what could be in the future. His energy is directed towards the abstract and philosophical, whereas a No. 3 boy has a cleverness, which focuses on the immediate challenges and finds a way to deal with issues relating to a job or problem confronting him.

This child is inquisitive and enjoys knowing the inner mechanics of everything, especially if it will give him an advantage. This is often interpreted in a young child as manipulative or self centered behavior. But it is only his inquiring mind wanting to know what's inside and/or "now" it works.



A survivor with a quick detailed perception, No. 3 boy is a potential chess master with a brilliant mind for strategy. Like a puppeteer, he has the ability to run the

“show” behind the scenes; he likes to control and develop strategies that give him this ability. He is like the one who stands behind the king and whispers in his ear, “do this” or “do that.”

When this child is out of balance, he can be manipulative, secretive, and unethical.

To enable No. 3 child to achieve his true potential, a parent needs to challenge his mind with strategy games such as chess or backgammon. Encouraging a love of science, chemistry, and physics as well as a curiosity of the physical world is very beneficial.

Even more important, teach him an ethical way of dealing with his issues. He needs to learn a love of truth and to communicate with honesty. As he develops these skills, he becomes sharper than a stainless steel sword and softer than running water.



The relationship between a No. 3 son and his older brothers, especially No. 2, can be challenging. Unlike the more emotional and physical second born son, No. 3 boy, with his sharp clever mind, is much faster than his elder sibling and can talk his way out of most situations. He is also physically quicker on his feet and can disappear from a scene of conflict as though he had never been involved. A No. 3 son knows he could never physically compete with his older brother (No. 2), so in situations of conflict, he will negotiate alliances with his eldest brother (No. 1) to protect him.

Ultimately, a No. 3 boy will balance his natural organizational and negotiation skills with an increased sense of community awareness and involvement. He will use his

abilities for the greater good of society and to generate group prosperity while learning the heart experience of acceptance and non-judgment.

When the Polarity Shifts ...

When a No. 3 son's polarity shifts he will take on qualities attributed to a No. 4 son. He will seek acknowledgement and recognition for cleverness of his mind, like a chess champion who wants his picture on the cover of national and international magazines.

	QUALITIES	NEEDS	BECOMES	IDEAL
	Inquisitive	Curiosity	Thinker	Discoverer

In Essence...

You will never “out fox” this fox! Any effort to control his mind or communications will only succeed in making him more slippery. Especially when he is young, (up to the age of seven), avoid correcting his fantasies. You may know what he is telling you is untrue. But know also, he does not mean to deceive you. He is only exercising his imagination and his ability to access it while faced with the presence of power (you). In order for this boy to achieve his highest mental potential, he must learn to combine imagination with incisive alertness.

When you find yourself under stress or faced with decisions that are not easy to make, remember the inner “sharpness” of the No. 3 boy. If you think for a moment that avoidance is a preferred method of communication, please reconsider. The “sword of truth,” unsheathed, will help you through any difficult moment.

GIFTS TO HELP HIM GROW

- Microscope, Chemistry Set, Puzzles, Sword, Fishing Pole, Magic Kit



LIKELY CAREERS

- Science, Diplomacy, Education, Law, Entomologist



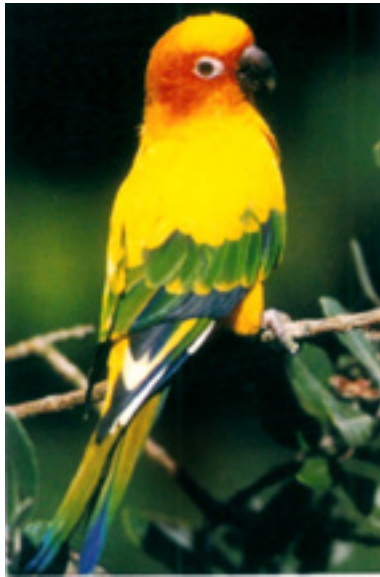


“Whenever you have laughed, celebrated prosperity, or warmly hugged a good friend, you have embraced the divine blessing of Number Four Son.”

CHARACTERISTICS	NATURE SYMBOLS
• Physically strong • Emotionally oriented • Socially extroverted • Natural entertainer	• Peacock, Stallion, Elk, Lion, Herd

A fourth child (after a first-born boy) can be quite a character. The emotionally oriented “Mr. Charisma” charms family and friends with an effervescent outgoing nature. He is a natural entertainer who sings, dances, or tells jokes.

This child loves to be noticed. As a youngster, he will enjoy performing for the family. As an adult, he will probably drive a flashy car, dress with pizzazz, or talk loudly to attract attention.



In this position, a child is physically strong compared to the energy-similar No. 2 boy. While a No. 2 son expresses strength as an individual in the physical world, a No. 4 son takes this energy into the community and groups. He has the knack of making people laugh, move, sing, and enliven their bodies. No. 4 child awakens the ability for laughter at the heart level: similar to the “ho, ho, ho” belly laugh of Santa Claus. Like a king, he draws people to him and likes them to applaud when he walks past. This characteristic may be annoying to some people) but the essence of this birth order position is drawing together the family through the heart. A No. 4 son has a natural ability to uplift the hearts of others with his charisma and charm.

On the negative side, this child can become arrogant with feelings of self-importance. He may use his talent for humor to manipulate others. There is a danger of No. 4 son not seeing that he is here to serve others before himself.

The fourth born child craves attention and recognition. If this is not received, negative behavior such as recklessness, tantrums, addictions, or self-sabotaging may become apparent.



Because of his forte to hold things together and his intimate understanding of the practical world, a No. 4 boy has the potential and ability to be the head of a big company. To be truly successful as an adult in creating lasting and beneficial alliances, he must ground his natural ability to attract people to him with a solid foundation of clarity, honesty, and integrity. He must learn that a true leader sees the bigger picture. With a compassionate heart and gentle words, he shows a love for humanity and all living creatures.

In essence, this is a beautiful child who offers family and the greater community strength and unity through inner joy and celebration. Few can touch the hearts of others as he can. When he learns to serve others before himself, he becomes like a noble king who can lead his kingdom to prosperity.



No. 4 boy reminds us of the importance of having friends and making alliances. The earlier birth order positions are often dealing with family and issues of personal success. But the four boy position is very much about groups. What this position shows

is how groups working together can produce prosperity and happiness for many others. Yes, life often feels difficult and isolating. But the fourth son teaches us the importance of helping others and allowing others to do the same for us. The path to greater things requires that we reach out to those around us.

When the Polarity Shifts ...

A No. 4 son whose polarity has shifted will behave like a five boy, becoming more inwardly and mentally oriented. His energy is focused on the creation of a beautiful work of art that will draw people together to celebrate the joy of life and living.



In Essence...

Yes, the No. 4 son requires lots of your attention. Know that when you laugh, he will laugh harder. And when you sing, he will sing like a songbird later in life. Occasionally, sit at his bedside and listen to gentle music as he goes off to sleep. Then with the music in the background, “hum your heart” to him. Within the songs of your own love, this child will find treasures the world seldom sees. Teach him to celebrate the changing of the seasons. Show him the “greatest performer of all”, dancing on the stages of sunrise and sunset. Lift your own arms to the heavens. Let him know that the stars are his crown and the light from them also shines from within his own heart.

When you find yourself faced with a mountain of obstacles, and the world seems bigger than you, remember the heart of this special child. By reaching your hand out for a friend or two, you can reduce any mountain to a footstool. There are moments in life when we all need a friend. The fourth boy is the best friend you will ever have.

GIFTS TO HELP HIM GROW

- Guitar, Singing Lessons, Mirror, Ball for Team Sports, Karaoke, Joke Book



LIKELY CAREERS

- Management, Entertainment, Medicine, Real Estate





“Whenever you have acted creatively, appreciated the beauty in the smallest of things, or touched the innocence of simplicity, you have become the blessing of Number Five Son.”

CHARACTERISTICS	NATURE SYMBOLS
• Physically delicate • Mentally oriented • Quiet and gentle • Mechanical	• Rainbow, Diamond, Kingfisher, High Desert, Cactus Flower

The fifth child (after a first-born boy) has a sweet innocence which creates beauty in the world around him. This child is an artist of the heart, uplifting and inspirational to those he meets, like the great sculptor and artist Michelangelo, carving the Pieta or the David. Like this great artist, he has the ability to stay completely focused on the task at hand. Mentally oriented, inner directed, and physically delicate, this child has feelings that run deep.

Being quiet, gentle, and serving, he is the complete opposite to the boisterous No. 4 boy.

Unmatched in kindness and caring, No. 5 boy embodies the meaning of peace and exudes a quiet air of innocence. He teaches us to cuddle ourselves.

A child in this Birth Order position can be a quiet builder with his hands. A hands-aware sculptor, artist, or poet of profound possibilities, he is aware of his work without being proud of it. He needs no overt acknowledgment.



Often solitary, he can become overwhelmed by the demands and expectations of others. This child may occasionally defend himself from excessive stimulation by acting mean. However, he doesn't like to act this way, as he is uncomfortable with conflict or disharmony. When out of balance, No. 5 child may become confused, dependent, or withdrawn to the extent of appearing nearly emotionless.

Take a moment to rest and breathe with this child. Hold him in your arms and stroke his head, for he needs gentle loving touch from his parents. This child's gift is a reminder that peace is a product of tenderness.



A No. 5 boy is highly motivated to create, either in the form of art or an outcome. Yet, to be truly great, the beauty in all life must touch him. He must experience its perfection through the celebration of a passionate heart. With such awareness, he can look beyond the confines of his immediate world. He sees all things with non-judgment and an openness of mind, allowing Divine inspiration to create perfection within.

It is not easy to just allow the No. 5 son to be who he really wants to be. Normal people, with average social backgrounds, seldom comprehend his unusual ways of processing information and expressing his creativity. It is easy for a parent or guardian to doubt this boy's ability to fit in or lead a "normal" life. The forces shaping this child's mind and imagination comes along so infrequently, it can appear as more of a problem than a personal gift. Unfortunately, great genius is seldom recognized in the same generation as it exists. It is often future generations that truly appreciate the lasting value the No. 5 son produces for society. Perhaps the arrival of the No. 5 son requires all of us to adjust our collective perceptions of the importance of beauty in our lives.



When you compare the No. 5 son with other birth order positions, you begin to realize what it takes to access and express true artistic genius. The No. 1 son reveals the importance of accessing inspiration through humility.

When the Polarity Shifts ...

When a No. 5 son shifts polarity, his energy becomes like that of a six boy. Outwardly focused, he creates beauty through movement. Accessing the inner power and strength of this new polarity, he may lead a military band or direct an international extravaganza such as the opening ceremony to the Olympic Games.

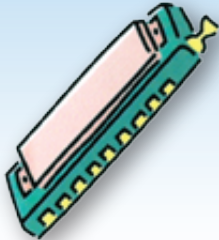
	QUALITIES	NEEDS	BECOMES	IDEAL
5	Mechanical	Creativity	Artist	Genius

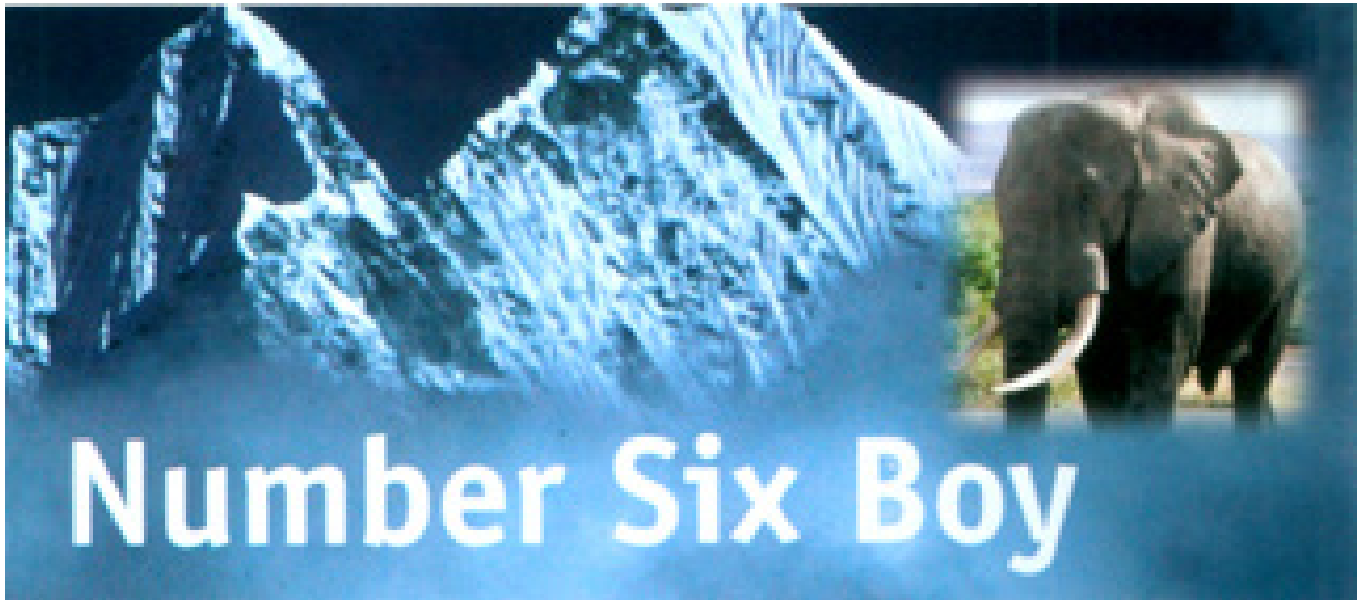
In essence...

All children are geniuses. But it is the No. 5 son that can truly be called the rarest of all geniuses. So does it really require a parent to be a genius to raise one? At times,

it may certainly feel difficult or confusing to guide this child. In reality, however, raising this child requires that you practice simplicity. Through your own love of simplicity, this child will discover himself. Give this child your heart, then step back and observe without question. When given trust with little or no external guidance, he will find the rainbow of his own soul and the pot of gold therein.

In your own life, whenever you seek your own highest capacity to excel, and you think that any mountain can be climbed, pause for moment and say, “thank you” to the No. five son. What the inspired genius within this boy teaches is a simple tool you can utilize to do anything with perfection.

GIFTS TO HELP HIM GROW	LIKELY CAREERS
• Archery Set, Flute, Art Set, Poetry Book, Tools, Brushes 	• Invention, Arts, Math, Technician 



“Whenever you have moved yourself or someone else, stood on a mountain top with your arms uplifted, or exalted the glory of heaven to all creation! you have embodied the divine blessing of Number Six Son.”

CHARACTERISTICS	NATURE SYMBOLS
• Physically strong • Emotionally oriented • Dynamic, commanding • Inventive	• Earthquake, Grizzly Bear~ Eagle, Majestic Mountain, Elephant

This child is emotionally oriented, extroverted, and physically strong. With his feet on the earth and head in the sky, he has the capacity to change the world. Like the great generals, Attila the Hun and Alexander the Great, No. 6 boy’s command is absolute. He can move armies that conquer nations or present ideas that revolutionize the world. He knows the feelings of power and how to use it to manifest his goals. He directs power.



Movement is his natural skill. This child inspires others to follow him.

When this child is very young, teach him about the beauty and perfection that can be found in harmony. Let music be the guidebook to his soul. This child can do things that the world has never seen. When he remembers that God is the creator and mover of the stars, he may pause for a moment before attempting to change the shape of the universe.

When out of balance, this child can be intense. He may act extreme, dictatorial, ruthless and narrow-minded. His lesson is the correct use of power, so parents need to teach him wisdom, integrity, and truth.

With abundant personal power and inner energy, it is important that a No. 6 boy maintains awareness of the bigger picture. He must recognize the oneness of all things and that for every action there is an accompanying reaction. His heart must be filled with compassion and understanding, balanced with a spiritual openness. He needs to learn to hold no judgment and accept all people regardless of nationality, color, or belief. The power of a No. 6 boy is in his words. His life experiences will teach him to take responsibility for everything he says and does. With an increasing level of awareness, he will come back to his family to focus his attention and assist them to rise to a higher level of abundance.



The likes of No. 6 boy comes along but once in many generations. When he does arrive, No. 6 boy does not need to encourage others to follow him. Following the No. 6 son is a natural event for those who find themselves around him. Most things come easily for this child. Mental and social activities, physical achievements, and even political power all seem to come together for him. It is not the grand and great things that you need to remind him of, but rather it is the small and the tiny. When he is trained to see the whole tree in a single leaf or a mountain in a grain of sand, he is on his way to achieving what all of us desire.

What he truly desires most is to lift all of us to a higher level of evolution. If any child deserves to be called “hero”, No. 6 boy is most likely to wear this label easily.



In many ways, No. 6 boy and No. 4 boy are similar. Both deal with the lessons of group dynamics. No. 4 boy shows how to produce prosperity through group co-operation. Most often, the success of No. 4 boy is directed to building group harmony closer to home. No. 6 boy, on the other hand, gathers a group and leads them away

from the security of what they have produced in the past. Often, No. 6 is a visionary, whose personal vision changes not only the group he has inspired, but it also changes other groups as well. The highly motivated No. 6, leads a large group with the power of his own vision. The captivating and inspiring vitality of the No. 6 son wants little of the social security common to the fourth son position. The No. 6 son prefers to change the whole world. When this happens in a healthy way, it brings wonderful changes; if not, it brings chaos.

When the Polarity Shifts ...

For a No. 6 son, a polarity shift will internalize his energy and he will access the qualities associated with a first-born son. In this situation, he will seek inspiration, an invention, or a new idea that he can use to create movement and change in the world.

	QUALITIES	NEEDS	BECOMES	IDEAL
6	Assertive	Morals	Commander	Master

In Essence...

The responsibility of trying to raise a No. 6 son can be a daunting experience. How could anyone actually understand how to prepare an “Alexander the Great” to conquer the world? There is such a wave of destiny within this child, it would be tempting for any parent to just stand aside and let this boy have his way. However the opposite is true with this child. No. 6 son truly needs his parents to be there for him. When he is under the age of seven, teach him to love art, poetry, and the songs of birds. Let him know your religious beliefs are firm and without the hint of any arrogance. Take him to the tops of the highest mountains, and remind him to “look upwards”.

There is a bit of No. 6 boy in all of us. When we talk, choose our own path in life, or ask others to follow our lead, we are calling on the power of the sixth son. Before you set out on any path with “absolute certainty”, give yourself a chance to be alone. Solitude can show us higher perspective of life.

GIFTS TO HELP HIM GROW	LIKELY CAREERS
• Lance, Trumpet, Helmet, Crown, Globe, Religious Books 	• Military, Exploration, Finance, Government 

	INHERENT NATURE	ANIMAL	BECOME
1	IMAGINATIVE	BIRD	INSPIRED
2	EMOTIONAL	STALLION	ACHIEVER
3	CLEVER	FOX	DISCOVERER
4	CHARISMATIC	LION	PRODUCER
5	ARTISTIC	HUMMINGBIRD	GENIUS
6	POWERFUL	EAGLE	MASTER

*Review some of the key words related to each birth order position.
Notice when you can relate the words to yourself or your children.*



CHILDHOOD LESSONS

GIFTS TO BE GIVE THEM:

1

SELF-EXPRESION/
HUMILITY

legos, bubble blower, balsam models,
kite, star chart, model airplane,
telescope, compass

2

CONCENTRATION/
RESPONSABILITY

stick pony, pogo stick, football,
soccer ball, sport equipment, train set,
drum set

3

SHARING/
HONESTY

jigsaw puzzle, magic kit, chess set,
water gun, chemistry set, fishing pole,
cribbage, microscope

4

FAIRNESS/
FRIENDSHIP

joke book, clown outfit, circus training,
karaoke, percussion instruments,
walkie talkie, camera

5

FLEXIBILITY/
MECHANICS

origami, art supplies, play piano,
harmonica, wood carving kit, model
kit, archery, flute

6

INNER AWARENESS/
UNITY

space action figure, remote control
vehiele, trumpet, wood burning kit,
robots, historical army figures

Whit the wise use of toys and gifts, you can awaken a greater potentioal in your children. Practice seeing how each child is motivated in different ways.



IMAGINATIVE / AIR



CHAMPION / FIRE



DISCOVERER / METAL



CHIEF / THUNDER



ARTIST / DIAMOND



LEADER / EARTHQUAKE

In your own mind, identify a birth order position and its corresponding key word. Extend the feeling of this key word by taking it into the corresponding nature element. A regular practice of this exercise will deepen your appreciation of children and increase your enjoyment of nature.



Summary of 6 Boys

The energetic quality of the first child directs the flow of life energy through all subsequent siblings. Accordingly, if the first born is a boy, his inward 'yin' nature begins a polarity pattern within the binary code that creates the specific and definable personalities of his brothers. Each of the six brothers offers a significant contribution to their family that flows out into the greater community and, ultimately, around the globe. By recognizing and acknowledging their gifts, we increase the good in our world.



No. 1 Son: This child is, in essence, an inwardly directed sensitive dreamer. With his head in the clouds, he has a creative imagination that holds the gift of genius. When he receives respect and support for his dreams, he has the capacity to bring something great into the world. Later in life, he often takes on the role of a traditional leader.



No. 2 Son: A No. 2 son has an inner fire-a dynamic energy-that is outwardly directed into the world. This child has within him the passion and strength of a champion. When his energy is guided and focused, his full potential can manifest and inspire

others to a greater height. With time and self-discipline, he becomes a vital force for society.



No. 3 Son: A third born son, like the first born, has an inwardly directed energy. With a sharp clever mind, he has excellent mediating, communication, and negotiating skills. To be truly successful, this child needs guidance in balancing the innate capacity of his mind with truth, honesty, and moral values. As his mind and heart reach a balance, he provides all of us with the clearest of all intelligence.



No. 4 Son: This child, like a No. 2 son, has a passion and fire that is outwardly directed. In a No. 4 son, it manifests in a charisma that draws people to him. A natural entertainer, he uplifts and touches the hearts of others. With appropriate attention and an understanding that his gift is for the service of the group, he will bring joy to all he meets. As a man, he fortifies a nation with his natural ability to love.



No. 5 Son: Inwardly directed, a No. 5 son focuses his energy on manifesting a creative idea, an object of great beauty, or a poem of enlightenment. A weaver of inspiration, he has an innocence that touches the heart and uplifts the spirit. With gentle loving, this child's inspired creative genius will emerge like a butterfly from the chrysalis. When he realizes his potential, he develops art and ideas that last for thousands of years.



No. 6 Son: A child of great power, this sixth born son's energy is directed out into the world. Goal oriented and physically strong, he moves and creates movement in those around him. When balanced with an understanding of the correct use of pow-

er, this child has the capacity to bring great change to the earth for the betterment of all. As a man, he becomes a leader the world has awaited for generations.



How families and societies have changed



When you observe how families have evolved in the previous four generations, you may wonder if mankind has gained or lost something special by having fewer and fewer children in the average family. Having many children has given us the chance of feeling and experiencing how they are and what they need to grow. Having many children in the past was perfect for that time period. In this time period, it is just as perfect to have fewer children.

Just because there are fewer children does not mean society loses the benefit of these later born children. Rather it shows the importance of providing our children with the opportunity to develop these higher attributes. With wisdom and abundant time, we can richly develop our children with the use of stories, experiences, gifts, and loving guidance.

All children can learn to access and develop the positive qualities of every birth order position.

If you wish to nurture within your child, the positive qualities associated with a birth order position, take time to sit in her bedroom after she falls asleep. In the first hour of sleep, the bond between parent and child increases, and the child's mind becomes extremely receptive. During this time, you can sit quietly and "hold in your heart" the highest qualities of any birth order position. The child will sense what you, as a loving parent, are doing and begin to awaken those same qualities hidden within them. For example, if you focus on the positive qualities of the No. 2 girl, you may close your eyes and feel the mystery of the lake and the elusiveness of the

panther. You may then choose stories that match these symbols or take the child to a lake and talk about the mysteries of water. Follow these with a visit to the zoo to see a panther... and a good bedtime story. Then you have done more for your family than you might imagine.

There are many other ways for parents and guardians to assist children in fully bringing forth the qualities of all twelve brothers and sisters.

Most of all, it is the loving interest of a society that opens the higher qualities of its children.

*“Your children are not your children.
They are the sons and daughters of
Life’s longing for itself.*

*They come through you but not from you,
and though they are with you ... they belong not to you .
... You may house their bodies but not their souls,
for their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow .*

*... You may strive to be like them,
but seek not to make them like you.*

*For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.
You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth.”*

- Kahlil Gibran The Prophet, On Children 1923



Section II

Introduction of Six Sisters





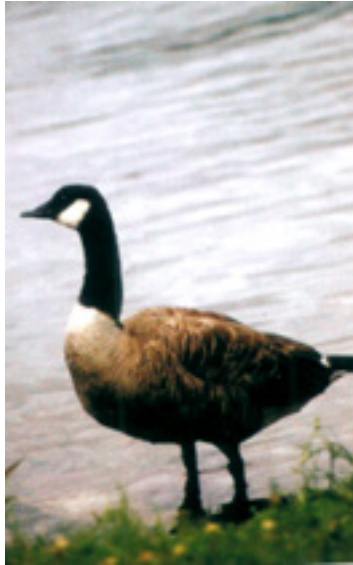
“Whenever you have loved a child! lifted a burden from someone else! or expressed the diamond of God’s “I AM” in your words! you have beheld the divine blessing of the Number One Daughter.”

CHARACTERISTICS	NATURE SYMBOLS
• Physically strong • Mentally oriented • Family oriented • Strong-willed • Daddy’s Little Girl	• Mother Bear, Kangaroo, Earth, Mineral Kingdom

Mentally focused and physically strong, No 1 girl presents a powerful physical presence. She gathers and preserves the family, sometimes overpowering others with her confidence and driving sense of responsibility.

What a strong little girl and incredible woman this birth order position is! As she grows, she will start to tell her mother what to do. Control is her natural gift, but it is also her greatest weakness. No. 1 girl likes to manage situations, telling others what to do. When she does it well, she is developing her natural ability to be a wise, strong

woman, solving problems, leading, and teaching people. Her gift is to preserve the family for future generations.



While there are social situations that modify these archetypal birth order patterns, generally speaking, if the first-born child in a family is a girl, she will gravitate towards her father. Because of this close bond between them, she becomes “daddy’s little princess.” This relationship may create a sense of rivalry as she competes with her mother for the father’s attention. She has a natural sense of superiority and strong intellect. She sees herself as better than her mother. “Mom, whatever you can do, I can do better.” This child may become manipulative as she aspires to become the “queen of the castle” and not just the princess.

No. 1 girl can be so precious in her role as a “little mother,” organizing the neighborhood kids to play house or become a make believe family. She takes her responsibility seriously, as she takes personally all the problems the other kids might encounter. Give her space to take on this childhood role with all its potential problems. Later in life, she uses these experiences to become a better mother and protector of others.



It is easier for No. 1 girl to be the mother than a daughter. This trait continues throughout her life. She is the one who seeks to heal internal or family conflicts and breakdowns. A No. 1 girl will find herself organizing the family Christmas and birthday gatherings, particularly making sure that there is plenty to eat. Feeding others is what she does best.

However, in her early forties, things often change. Suddenly, she doesn't want to do it any more. "Let someone else solve all the family's problems. Someone else can do the cooking, cleaning, ironing, shopping, and housework!"

Now she wants to dance or paint, go to the movies or on a picnic where someone else has packed the basket! Liberation! Freedom! But how long does it last? Often it is not long before a sense of guilt, of letting the family down, may send her back to the old situation.



A parent may need to be insistent with a No. 1 girl that she learn her lessons of respect and serenity so she does not become aggressive and take control. Be firm with her, without excessive authority. When she has learned her lessons, give her freedom and a sense of equality, and practice utter gentleness with her. It helps her to learn to receive gentle care from you. Try brushing her hair lovingly as you remind her how much you love her and enjoy taking care of her.

The first born daughter grows up quickly, becoming serious in nature at a very early age, taking on responsibilities and problem solving for her other siblings. By five years of age, she has forgotten how to play, and by ten she no longer knows how to

laugh. She has taken on the role of the little mother. This little mother is very family oriented. She focuses her practical and physical energy on keeping her family together.

Extend her childhood by helping her not to take on too much responsibility too soon. Teach her to laugh and play. Give her freedom and a sense of equality, but protect her from feeling that she has to solve family problems and conflicts. If there is disharmony, she will take it personally and feel that there is some burden she must shoulder to bring peace. In this respect, building a home for her in which peace reigns is very important. Otherwise she will sacrifice herself to keep her parents happy.

When the Polarity Shifts ...

A first born daughter is an increase of the mother. If the mother is quiet, soft and internal, these characteristics will be amplified within this child. She will be less focused on the family and more interested in the mystical world of the unknown.

Her relationship with her mother is more like a sister than mother/daughter.



In Essence...

When you hold a No. 1 girl in your heart, remember that the seeds of future generations already reside within her bosom. Think of your grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Your feelings and thoughts can shape future generations, even before they are conceived.

GIFTS TO HELP HER GROW

- Paper Dolls, Cookbooks, Diary, Sewing Kit, Gems, Jump Rope



LIKELY CAREERS

- Counseling, Child Care, Communication, Homemaking, Education





“Whenever you feel the liquid mystery of your own feelings, adore the moonlight, or perceive a sea of peace emanating from your heart, you have permeated the divine blessing of the Number Two Daughter.”

CHARACTERISTICS	NATURE SYMBOLS
• Delicate body • Feeling oriented • Emotionally detached • Self aware	• Cat, Mink, Sea Otter, Lake, Mist, Moon

A second child born after a girl is emotional and feeling-oriented. Having a detached quality, a No. 2 girl will live at times in a private, invisible world. In early childhood she might often have imaginary friends or play with the fairies. This child may be difficult to bond with or really get to know. But her gentle nature will open your heart.

In this position, this child is dealing with a feeling of aloneness and desires personal privacy. Yet, she may be the first child to leave home, often burning her bridges to create separation from her family.



Unlike her elder sister, who is often stockier in body, a second born girl may have a slight body. She may look delicate and appear introverted but she has a sharp, creative mind. With this rare mind and sensitivity she has the potential to become a successful and independent businesswoman with excellent skills in art and design.

A No. 2 girl does not like to be told what to do or be controlled in any way, especially by her older sister. With this child, asking rather than telling achieves the best results. Privacy is an important issue for a No. 2 girl. She needs her own room, her own thoughts, feelings, and direction. She often expresses a detached, independent freedom.



A No. 2 daughter needs her parents to show respect for her individuality, and to be gentle and supportive of her creative imagination. It is beneficial for a father to encourage this child to tell him about the 'fairies in the garden' and to share her imaginary world. The presence of a loving, encouraging father will increase her confidence and belief in her own femininity. If he, in any way, violates her inner creative

mind by denying or criticizing her, she may become reclusive, retreating further into her own world of silence. Both parents may find it difficult to relate to this child. However, it is often easier for the mother to provide positive feedback to her, as she respects a No. 2 girl's ability to take care of herself.

The gift that No. 2 girl brings is that her nature teaches us how to connect with feelings and to honor our personal individuality.

Because of her innate nature, a No. 2 girl may retreat into a world of non-communication.



However, it is within the grounding solidarity of her family that she will find the strength and stability to support her growth and development as she emerges into the community. For an individual in this birth order position, it is necessary to balance her private nature with courage and passion. This will allow her to be more effective within society and express her inner wisdom with clarity and honesty.

When the Polarity Shifts ...

If the first born girl shifts to the softer, feminine polarity, the No. 2 girl will move into a space similar to a No. 3 daughter. Occasionally the No. 2 daughter takes on the role of “mother” in the family. She becomes more practical and outwardly focused with an intense feeling for justice and fairness. Yes, she may also become quite demanding about personal success.

When this girl moves in the material realms, there are few who can stand in her way. She has the capacity to incorporate her independent attributes with extreme focus and determination. When she assumes this role, it is to preserve the life of her family.

	QUALITIES	NEEDS	BECOMES	IDEAL
2	Independent	Privacy	Mystic	Designer

In Essence...

Within the mystery and beauty of a No. 2 girl, there is something to be nurtured and appreciated. When you find yourself sitting in her room, let yourself practice feeling the greatest peace you have ever known. Simply give yourself permission to be quiet, and breathe the silent beauty that is there for you to experience. This sacred girl is teaching you something through her own intimate ways. Give her a chance to offer you a piece of her soul by simply being alone together.

Whenever you feel you are alone in this world, remember No. 2 girl. What you can learn from her is the inner strength to find the peace that can exist in solitude.

Perhaps of all the birth order positions, No. 2 girl is the easiest to learn and has the most practical application to your daily life. There is something in her delicate sweetness that reminds us to go sit by the lake or take time to smell a flower. Within the feeling of this birth position is the freedom to be exactly who you are, and nothing else.

GIFTS TO HELP HER GROW

- Watercolors, Cello, Aromatherapy, Chimes, Fairy Books



LIKELY CAREERS

- Design, Art, Accounting, Cosmetology





“Whenever the warmth of sunlight touches your skin, when you share comfort and wisdom with another person, or your arms open wide enough to embrace the harmony of all green things on the planet, you have honored the divine blessing of the Number Three Daughter.”

CHARACTERISTICS	NATURE SYMBOLS
• Physically strong • Mentally oriented • Community awareness • Truthful and just	• Milk Cow, Camel, Plant Kingdom, Wood, Tortoise

The third child born after a first-born girl is allegorically called the “daughter of Solomon,” for she has wisdom past her years with an intense sense of justice and integrity. This child is mentally and physically oriented and has a natural ability to be a teacher or a healer. A No. 3 daughter nurtures a community in the same way as a No. 1 girl supports and cares for her immediate family.



In this position in the family, a No. 3 daughter is a gatherer of information and a collector of data that can be valuable in the service of humanity. She wants to understand all things that will assist her work in the community.

The most physically powerful of all the six sisters, this child has much to offer. Firm and caring, she creates a sense of belonging and unity with all those with whom she comes into contact. No. 3 daughter, with a strong kinesthetic quality, seeks to nourish both the physical body and healing the minds and bodies of all people. Tactile in nature, this child reaches out to the world around her. She has a deep sense of connection with all of life, particularly a close affinity with nature. Loving trees and flowers, she may be drawn to forms of healing that use plants such as herbal medicine or flower essences.



As a child, she may display an interest in caring for others, socializing or studying. It is common that a No. 3 girl will have more friends than a No. 1 girl. She is very accepting of others and rarely makes judgments. No. 3 girl is sensitive to conflict and criticism and often takes the role of a peacemaker. She may often take on the role of mediator for her older siblings.

This child needs to spend time immersed in the beauties of nature. It is valuable for

parents to walk with her through ancient forests, sit on a mountaintop or by the beach watching the rising moon. Feed a No. 3 girl with books about ancient wisdom, archaeological discoveries, justice, and fairness. This will open her ability to access her potential. Also, a No. 3 daughter needs to be held, hugged, and rocked in her parent's arms and gently told of God's love for all Earth's children.



Because she is so outwardly focused and working for the benefit of the greater community, it is important for an individual in this birth order position to take time to be quiet, seek solitude, and learn about herself. By strengthening on a core level and balancing through the experience of focused awareness and attention, she can reach out to others in friendships, learning how to play and celebrate life.

When the Polarity Shifts ...

For a No. 3 daughter her polarity shift will internalize her energy. She will access the qualities associated with a fourth daughter. While maintaining a degree of community awareness, this child will bring change as she unobtrusively challenges people's attitudes and outlooks. Working silently behind the scenes, she seeks to improve and enlighten the community in which she lives.

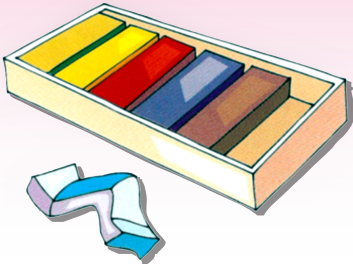
	QUALITIES	NEEDS	BECOMES	IDEAL
3	Nurturer	Knowledge	Teacher	Healer

In Essence...

Whenever you find yourself feeling weak or out of balance, remember the many healing possibilities within this strong young girl. Go sit on a park bench or walk in the forest, and you will automatically begin to appreciate and receive the many benefits of this marvelous child.

When you find yourself close enough to touch this child, reach out and softly stroke her head or shoulders. Start this habit when she is young, and she will always return this to you when she is older. As you touch or hold her, remember the strength and warmth that can be felt in warm, polished wood. Wood is a symbol of firmness and one of the most healing sensations in nature. This child can heal you without you even knowing it. Give thanks each day for her existence in your life.

When all is said and done, perhaps the most important lesson you ever learn in life, is simply to “be still”. The heart of the No. 3 girl knows the meaning of true stillness. Like the growth of a tree leads to the place where birds come to build their nests, you may find the stillness that will help your heart learn to sing.

GIFTS TO HELP HER GROW	LIKELY CAREERS
• Clay, Books, Plants, Puzzle, Doctor Kit 	• Social Work, Medicine, Health, Law 



“When all the rivers of the Earth flood your heart with an unbearable ocean, you close your eyes, and the scent of roses overwhelm you, then you are being lifted by the grace within the divine blessing of the Fourth Daughter.”

CHARACTERISTICS	NATURE SYMBOLS
• Delicate body • Feeling oriented • Transformer of society • Future focused	• Sea Turtle, Crab, Cobra, Rose, Butterfly, Ocean

A fourth daughter (after a first born girl) is symbolically called “the Changer.” She is frequently the harbinger of change within the family at a microcosmic level and society at a macro cosmic level. However, a rebellious nature can lead this child to challenge authority. Often inwardly directed, emotional and feeling-oriented, No. 4 girl can be reclusive, detached, and elusive, separating herself from the family and social structures. But if there is any hardness in your heart, this beautiful child can dissolve it with a translucent flame.

No. 4 daughter can be a challenge for her parents to understand. At times, she can be

critical of her parents, telling them what they need to do to improve. At times, she expresses a sense of disenchantment with the world around her. This child can be a periodic recluse, reappearing with a concept or statement that irrevocably challenges outdated structures and belief systems. With a heartfelt conscience, a No. 4 girl seeks to bring change to every social dilemma.



Because her father symbolically represents a patriarchal authority, the past, and traditions, his relationship with his No. 4 daughter may be difficult as she challenges authority, both at home and in a wider context. In fact, she may not relate well with anyone in her family-parents and siblings-as she dislikes any system of patriarchy or matriarchy. In regards to her father, she may be an ‘in your face’ child, criticizing his actions and outlooks on life and challenging him to change. This child usually has a mutual respect for her No. 2 sister. She may not relate well with No. 1 and 3 daughters.



It is valuable for parents to be aware that No. 2, 4, and 6 daughters are all “hands-off” types. These sisters must be treated with softness and gentle patience. All three daughters have a detached quality; No. 4 daughter most of all, who often expresses

this in a very dramatic way. They are very different from sisters one, three and five. You can grab them, sit them down, talk to them, hug them, and encourage them to do something and they will respond far more positively.

This future-oriented No. 4 daughter loves freedom. Her quest is to know the infinite. Like the silence before the storm breaks, she sits and watches before taking action. When she moves, it tends to be sudden and shocking like a lightning bolt. Regardless of the consequences, a child born in this position seldom waivers from what she sees as the ultimate good for everyone.



In this position, a child may display a morbid interest in cemeteries and a fascination with death. In some ways, it reflects her nature of destroy/rebuild. On a deeper level, she understands that death is part of a journey of transformation. This No. 4 girl may have a tendency to be pensive, expressing a constant disenchantment with special aspects of life.

Parents need to give a No. 4 daughter emotional support. She requires recognition of her unique qualities and needs to be given the space and privacy to be herself. Tell her stories about eagles soaring upwards into the heavens, which symbolizes the powerful figure within her striving towards the light. It is beneficial if her father is spontaneous and, at times, surprises her. Teach her thankfulness and gratitude. Take her into many diverse environments and teach her about different religions so she may learn to understand a broad context of our existence.

A No. 4 daughter is like a silent warrior calling forth the truth from the heart of each

person and situation. She can take us to a deeper awareness of life if we allow her to inspire us and listen to the words of her heart.

When the Polarity Shifts ...

When the polarity of a No. 4 daughter shifts, her focus often becomes global. Looking beyond her family, her community, and her country, she seeks to change the global attitude on issues such as the environment. The CEO of Greenpeace or Director of the Center for Global Environmental Studies, she heads a global organization working to save our precious wildlife.



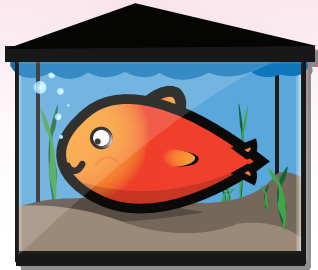
In Essence...

When you find yourself with a broken heart or feeling as though the world around you is falling to pieces, take a moment to close your eyes, and remember this holy child. Within her is the ability to let go of everything in preparation of receiving something better. This child knows how to die and be reborn in the same breath. Give yourself the gift of learning to love her. For the remainder of your life, you will always need what she teaches.

If you are worthy, and love comes to open your heart, whisper a quiet “thank you” to the No. 4 girl. She is the one who opens the heart to fall in love... again.

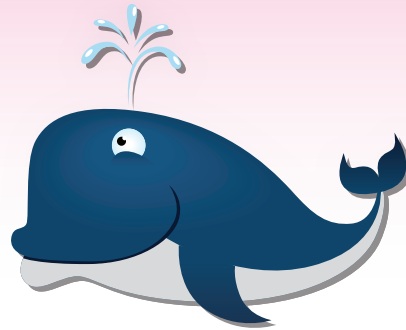
GIFTS TO HELP HER GROW

- Jewelry Box, Music, Aquarium, Sea Shells, Viola, Rose Perfume



LIKELY CAREERS

- Philosophy, Oceanography, Transportation, Harbinger





“Whenever the spherical oneness of all living things fits within your chest, when compassion, infused with mercy, rises from the palms of your hands, then you know the divine blessing of the Fifth Daughter.”

CHARACTERISTICS	NATURE SYMBOLS
• Physically strong • Mentally oriented • Physically & socially sensitive • Gentle, innocent	• Dove, Migrating Herds, Flock, Ecosystem, Animal Kingdom

This child is called symbolically “the compassionate one”, for she has the softness of a lamb and a kind and tender nature. The No. 5 girl has a quality of innocence, a sense of mercy, and an acceptance of others which holds no judgment.

In this birth order position, a child is mentally aware and physically strong. Having a deep affinity with nature, particularly with the animal kingdom, a No. 5 daughter is drawn to help the helpless, care for the newborn, and mother all living things on the planet. The first, third and fifth daughters each provide an expression of nurturing. The first daughter nurtures the family, the third daughter nurtures the community, and the fifth takes her caring to nature. As a child, she may bring home injured

birds, rabbits, or koalas.



This child seldom wants anything except to bring peace and comfort. She innately objects to conflict or destruction such as war, fire, or natural disasters. At times, a No. 5 daughter may find people overwhelming and become weighed down by the expectations they have of her.

No. 5 daughter is strong, but soft. She needs her parents to give her the opportunity for quietness so that she may find the peace that comes from knowing the unity of life. Having a strong tactile sense, this child needs frequent touch. Cuddle her as though she were a bunny rabbit or teddy bear.

The No. 5 daughter brings the world a gift of knowledge. She has the capacity to teach her family and friends to be playful children again.



On her life's journey, she must learn to access her own sources of support and balance. By recognizing that freedom comes from letting go of the past, releasing negative patterns, and forgiveness, she awakens her inner gifts. She accesses her ability

to create beauty and perfection. From this place of balance and harmony, a No. 5 girl can realize the full extent of her personal power. Mastering the use of words and speaking with integrity and humility, she increases in others the awareness of the oneness of all creation. She brings positive change to the world.

A special interest in outdoor activities makes the No. 5 girl the most social of all the six sisters. Often a tomboy with an interest in adventures, she may find herself getting into small problems as she leads other kids into the forest in search of animals. Because of her tendency to be a natural leader, she is often called upon in times of difficult situations.



This child adds something to your family that does not come to the family tree very often. In her natural ways, she offers social strength and unity to many. This special quality is there to nurture your own love of life. Ask her to sit in your lap often. While she is there, show her programs of nature or of the many different cultures on the planet. As you hold her, remind yourself of the wondrous diversity that exists in wildlife, landscapes, and societies. When you love this child, your own horizons will begin to grow.

When the Polarity Shifts ...

When a No. 5 daughter experiences a polarity shift, her energies internalize and she accesses feelings on a deeper level. With this polarity this child may become a wildlife artist or photographer whose pictures silently touch the hearts of thousands, lifting them to a higher level of awareness.

	QUALITIES	NEEDS	BECOMES	IDEAL
5	Compassionate	Travel	Ecologist	Unifier

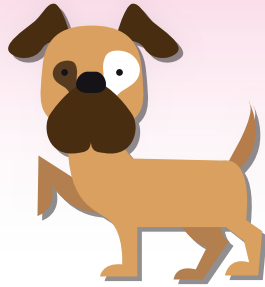
In Essence ...

The unifying strength within this incredible child is the key to beginning to heal your body. Imagine what healing is possible within the forces of nature. With daily practice of knowing and loving this birth order position, you will dramatically increase your own capacity to more fully experience the vital abundance of nature.

Whenever you notice the world has gone slightly crazy or that some new social unrest threatens global peace once again, close your eyes and remember the blessing this child offers all of us. Before you shake your head in disbelief or clench your fist in anger, do your best to respond first with the compassion this child carries within her. Imagine the world as One, where all of the creatures and creations of nature live together in harmony with humans. The No. 5 daughter is truly the embodiment of global unity and peace. Her presence in the family tree brings blessings to the family which few can fully grasp. What you can learn from this child is more valuable than mountains of gold.

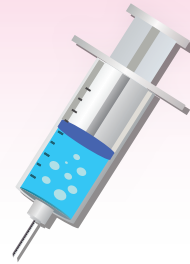
GIFTS TO HELP HER GROW

- Pet, Necklaces and Earrings, Ant Farm, Singing Lessons, Globe



LIKELY CAREERS

- Veterinarian, Ecologist, Elderly Care, Tourism, Forestry





“When the silence of the night alights on your face and the purity it brings stays with you in every moment, when the question less bliss of all eternity becomes an everyday event, then you are touching the edge less blessing of the Sixth Daughter.”

CHARACTERISTICS	NATURE SYMBOLS
• Delicate body • Feeling oriented • Socially & religiously sensitive • Pure intelligence	• Snow, Flowers, Birds, Faint Star, Harp Seal, Swan

A girl born at No. 6 is symbolically called “the princess”. Emotionally and feeling-oriented, she has a delicate body structure.

A No. 6 girl has a detached quality, but can be extremely focused. Parents need to nurture her clarity of mind, for she has the potential to bring rare works of art into the world or become an angel of some worthy crusade. Pure intelligence and creativity flow through this child. When out of balance, a No. 6 daughter can become

demanding, arrogant, or reclusive.



From her parents she needs patience, spiritual guidance, and freedom. It is valuable that she be given a global experience of the unity of all religions. Teach her about philosophy and cultures and assist her to assimilate this knowledge with non-judgment. This child has a natural serenity that can be deeply disturbed if her father critically attacks races, cultures, or creeds.

Being born in a six-girl position is not easy. In order to achieve her full potential, she must ground her expansive nature into the physical world while recognizing her oneness with all things. From the purity of her soul and the fire of her heart, she allows the life force to move through her, taking her to deeper levels of awareness.

A No. 6 girl is a rare combination of mind and feeling. She has the capacity to bridge the gap between the abstract and the practical. The No. 6 girl has a sense of how things are synthesized. She feels the deeper meaning of how this relates together as a whole. She uses this inner connection to build an ideal world inside of herself.

Mostly quiet, delicate, and honoring of the spiritual worlds, she may be very alone or very active. If you sit with a No. 6 daughter, you will find she has the sweetest heart and can effortlessly help you lighten your burdens. She is a soft beacon of light and points the way without being opinionated or aggressive.

Often taller and more self-aware than her sisters, she may feel distant or far away to her parents. But she seldom requires parental supervision.

With her natural affinity for the spiritual worlds, she can be a good spiritual teacher or philosopher. Because of the same spiritual sensitivity, No. 6 girl may demonstrate an unusually accurate intuitive ability as a child. It is important that this gift be supported and not interrupted in any way.

In ways only understood by her, she may have a special affinity with winter and be comfortable in the presence of the elderly.



Her delicate mind and fingers may have a special attraction for birds, small insects and delicate creatures like butterflies.

She may have very distinct opinions but not express them openly. Because of this tendency to hold her peace, she usually gets along well with all her siblings. As the youngest child she may be treated like the princess.

When the Polarity Shifts ...

For this child, a polarity shift brings her into an energy pattern similar to a No. 1 daughter. She focuses her creativity into her family, bringing a light and love which will preserve her family forever.

	QUALITIES	NEEDS	BECOMES	IDEAL
6	Purifier	Insight	Presence	Saintly

In Essence...

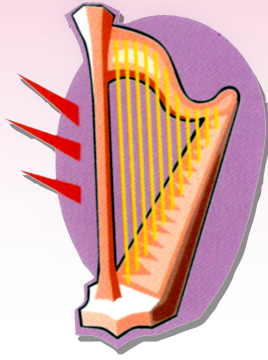
It is indeed rare when a true No. 6 girl comes along. She is so rare that when she arrives, society experiences a renaissance of spiritual or artistic values. She represents society at its more evolved potential, where spiritual values embody the purest of possibilities.

Take time to sit or lie in silence with No. 6 girl. So precious and pure is her real nature, it is difficult for normal humans to grasp or comprehend who she really is. She is most moved by YOUR personal commitment to your own spiritual growth. Supervising her too closely or imposing your religious views on her will never be successful. But as you earnestly watch what you say and feel about other people, especially their religions, she will open like a rare flower in a greenhouse. You will be forever adoring the bliss of No. 6 girl.

The No. 6 girl birth order position is the place inside you that sees the light that comes from within. There may come a moment in your life, when you experience this “light.” Give yourself a most precious gift, by taking time to close your eyes and feel the silence of this immaculate child.

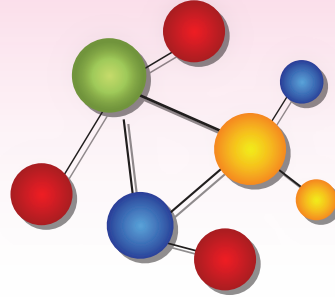
GIFTS TO HELP HER GROW

- Mirror, Violin, Tiara, Harp, Crystals, Magic Wand, Angel Pictures



LIKELY CAREERS

- Theology, Futurist, Organizations, Systems



INHERENT
NATURE

ANIMAL

BECOME

1

MOTHER MOTHER BEAR GUARDIAN

2

INDEPENDENT CAT DISTINCTIVE

3

NURTERER BUFFALO WISE

4

CHANGER OWL TRANSCENDENT

5

UNIFER ZEBRA COMPASSIONATE

6

PURIFYING SWAN PRISTINE

Relax for a moment. Take time to feel the differences between the six sisters and their key words. There is an immeasurable beauty in all of them.

CHILDHOOD LESSONS

GIFTS TO BE GIVE THEM:

1

PLAY

sandbox, play dough, party shoes, picnic set, paper dolls, doll house, diary, jump rope, gems

2

INTERACT

water colors, glitter, fairy costume, wind chimes, magic kit, cello, dream journal, aromatherapy

3

SOLITUDE

modeling clay, nurse gab, books, garden kit, hula hoop, memory games, beach pail & shovel

4

CONNECT

jewelry box, aquarium, sea shells, rose perfume, lava lamp, rock crystal, butterfly kit, music, viola

5

ACCEPTANCE

pet, ant farm, singing lessons, necklace, earrings, cowgirl boots, viewmaster, hobby horse

6

RESPONSABILITY

mirror, snow globe, world globe, tiara, harp, crystals, ice cream machine, ice skates, violin

The lesson of each sister is designed to balance her natural tendency. The gifts are suggestions to affirm and nurture the positive purest femininity in each of them.

1

MOTHER / MOUNTAIN

2

INDEPENDENT / WATER

3

NURTERER / WOOD

4

CHANGER / OCEAN

5

UNIFIER / ANIMALS

6

PURIFIER / SNOW

In your chest, hold the feeling of the key word for one of the six sisters. Slowly bring the specific nature element towards you. Nature is a friend and teacher. Allow her to help you feel your connection to life.



Summary of 6 Girls

When the first child born into a family is a girl, the energy or flow within subsequent siblings, regardless of their gender, is very different from a family where the firstborn is a boy.



No. 1 Daughter: Unlike a No. 1 boy, this child's energy is outwardly directed and primarily focused on her parents and siblings. She sees it as her responsibility to nurture, guide, support, and preserve her family into the future. Teach her how to laugh and play. When her heart is filled with joy, she can be the rock, the foundation on which her family can build and grow forever.



No. 2 Daughter: This child's energy is inwardly directed. With a mind as sharp as a jaguar's claw, she has the potential to be successful in her chosen career. Creative and imaginative, she achieves most when given the encouragement and confidence to believe in herself and her abilities. As a woman, she is called to the quiet world of mystery.



No. 3 Daughter: This child is like a No. 1 daughter who increases the radius of her nurturing and caring out beyond her family and into the greater community. A No. 3 daughter seeks to heal and support the bodies, emotions, minds, and spirits of people. When balanced by the wisdom of the past and the strength found in nature, this child brings a sense of unity and fairness to any group of people.



No. 4 Daughter: Like a second born daughter, this child is emotional and her energy is inwardly focused. Nevertheless, a No. 4 daughter brings change. With a nature that challenges authority, she pushes us to question our attitudes, beliefs, traditions, and social structures. If given emotional support, this child teaches how to let go of the past so that a more fulfilling future can be created.



No. 5 Daughter: Outwardly directed, a No. 5 daughter focuses her energy globally. She moves beyond the family and the community, bringing a greater awareness and understanding of the unity of all living things. Inspired by the power, grace, innocence, beauty, joyfulness, and simplicity of the creatures of the earth, she offers us the keys to compassion. The day will come when this girl's natural sense of unity will be respected by all nations.



No. 6 Daughter: A No. 6 daughter's ability to connect to her inner spirit is truly inspiring. When the clarity of her mind is nurtured and she is taught to accept all people regardless of race, color, or creed, she will open her heart and, like an angel, touch and heal the very souls of all those she meets. Like a rare piece of art, this girl brings something that all of us can appreciate in our own ways.



MASCULINE LESSONS

6

- ◆ Master the Use of Words
- ◆ Avoid Belief Systems that Separate
- ◆ The Correct Use of Power & Free Will

SIXTH BOY

Earthquake

5

- ◆ Share the Wealth
- ◆ Show Compassion for All Things
- ◆ Develop a Global Attitude

FIFTH GIRL

Animals

4

- ◆ Alliance & Friendships
- ◆ Generate Group Prosperity
- ◆ Learn to Celebrate & Play

FOURTH BOY

Thunder

3

- ◆ Firmness & Fairness
- ◆ Serve Others, Express Wisdom
- ◆ Personal Stability & Health

THIRD GIRL

Wood

2

- ◆ Emotional Self Control
- ◆ Discipline Yourself to Work
- ◆ Find a Sense of Purpose

SECOND BOY

Fire

1

- ◆ Learn to Concentrate
- ◆ Accept Responsibility
- ◆ Heal Your Family

FIRST GIRL

Earth

Starting at the bottom of the page, no 4 read the key words associated with each birth order position. These six lessons are the primary lessons all of us must learn sooner or later. The “masculine/yang lessons” apply to both boys and girls, and are often learned throughout a lifetime. Notice how each of these lessons are linked. The yang siblings are primarily learning the lessons in red.

FEMININE LESSONS

- ◆ Acknowledge Spiritual Openness
- ◆ Eliminate Moral Judgment
- ◆ Lightness & Purity

Snow

SIXTH GIRL

6

- ◆ Honor the Perfection
- ◆ Express & Glorify Beauty
- ◆ Own Your Creative Uniqueness

Desert

FIFTH BOY

5

- ◆ Constant Non Judgment
- ◆ Forgive & Release
- ◆ Learn to Receive

Ocean

FOURTH GIRL

4

- ◆ Practice Clarity & Awareness
- ◆ Seek Higher Truth Constantly
- ◆ Express Honesty & Ethics

Metal

THIRD BOY

3

- ◆ Calmess in All Feelings
- ◆ Respect Personal Privacy
- ◆ Peace Within the Mistry

Water

SECOND GIRL

2

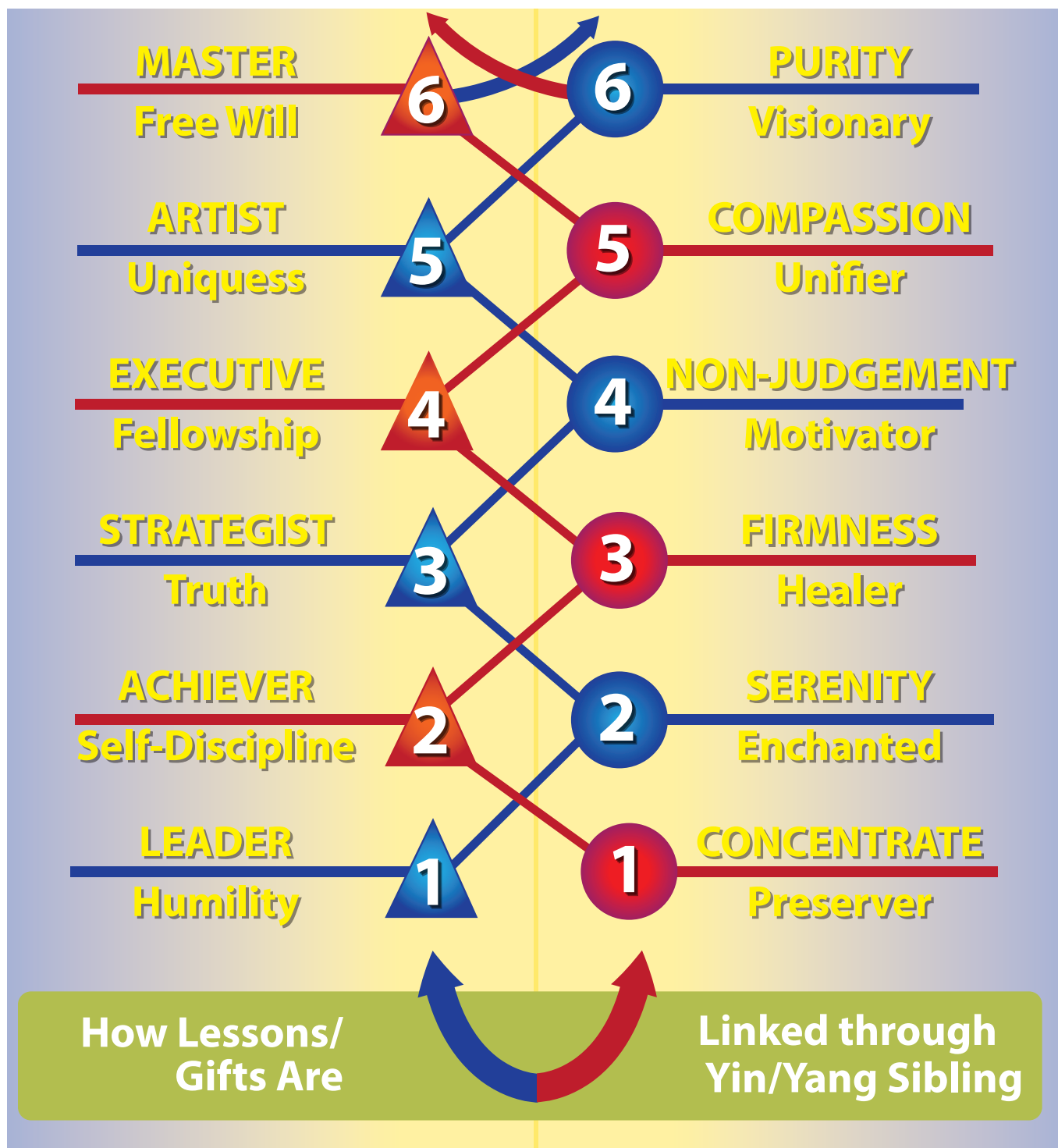
- ◆ Honor the Magnificence
- ◆ Find Solitude
- ◆ Humility & Openness

Air

FIRST BOY

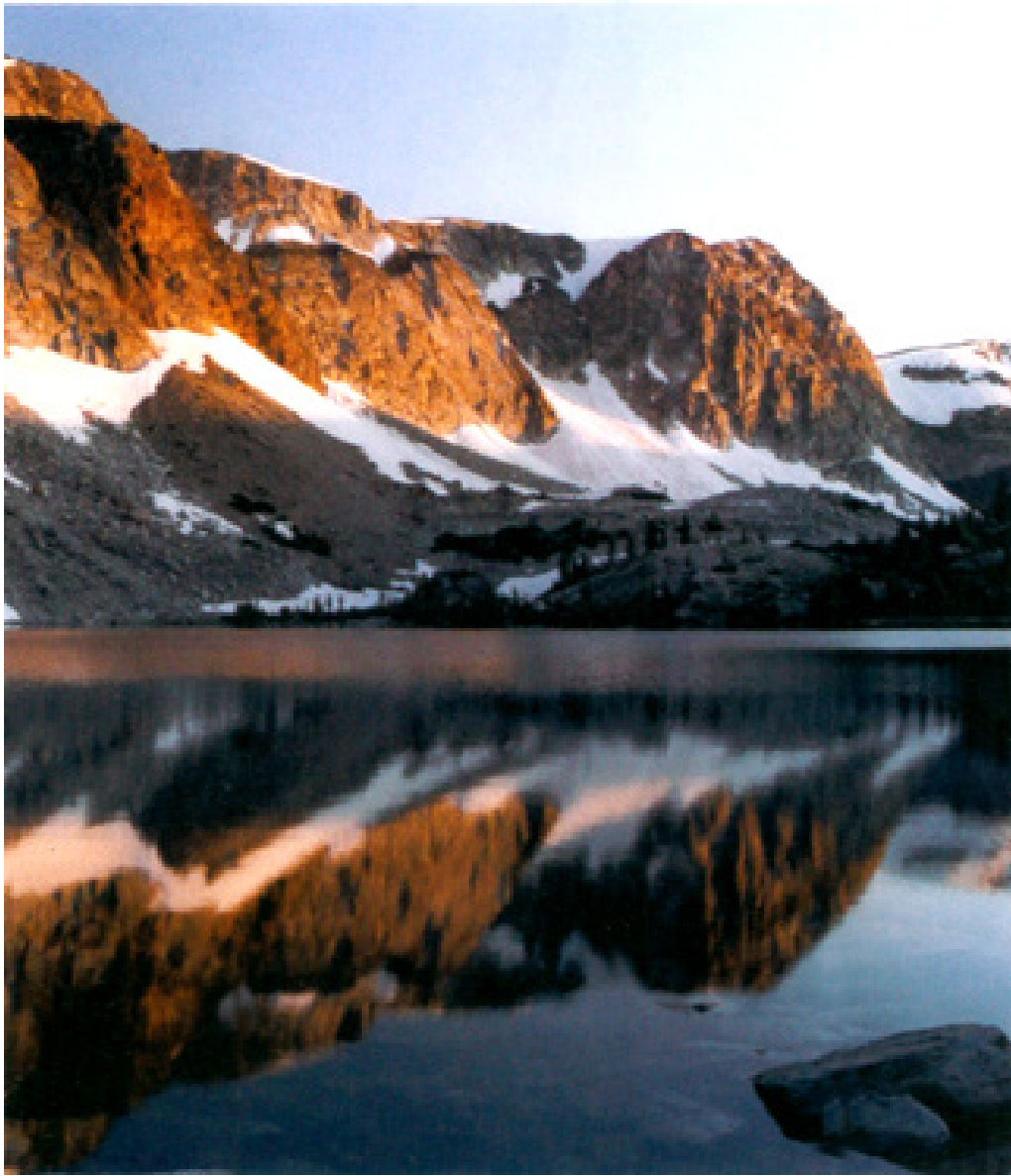
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Notice the clear differences between the red and blue columns. Starting with No. 1, observe the lessons on this page. Slowly move up the page as you read and feel the lessons. As you are more comfortable, repeat the process and allow yourself to go faster. Knowing these lessons makes life easier. The siblings that make up the blue sequence, are learning “feminine/yin lessons”



Take a moment to ponder the interconnectedness between the words on both sides of the chart. Direct your attention to the blue #1 triangle at the bottom of the page. Follow the ascending blue line as you take the quality of the first son to the feeling of the second daughter. Pause with each position as you proceed upward. Then take your attention to the red circle of the first daughter. Relate to her mental ability to concentrate, as you focus on the emotionally self disciplined virtue of the second son. Feel the focus and strength as you proceed up the remainder of the red line.

Practice and appreciate the mystery and vitality within the simultaneous movement of these interconnected lines.



How to apply Birth Order to your life



There are many ways of understanding and applying the beautiful attributes of the twelve brothers and sisters. One of these ways is to focus on a birth order position and gradually become more familiar with it by closing your eyes. The following words were written by an actual number two daughter. As you read her words, pause at times, and close your eyes. Practice feeling the mystery within the meaning of the words. Over time, the deeper feeling of the Lake and the limitless wonders of the number two sister will become a natural part of you. You may apply this same method to the other birth order positions. Learning the qualities of the birth order positions in this manner will open your mind, your feelings, and your heart.

A personal description of number two sister

by Jeanie Gold

She is the ever-present “whispering of the soul” sensitive beyond words, who calls “loudest” to us in our deepest moments of quiet/stillness. The “whisperings of the soul” (No. 2 girl) and the “longings of the heart” (No. 4 girl) are intimately interwoven.

When No. 2 girl “whisperings” go unheard/unheeded they accumulate, gaining momentum and force. From time to time, she leaps out of the shadows pounces upon us, like a panther in the black of night - and jolts us/jars us out of our slumbering state.

In these sudden, sometimes terrifying moments she pierces through the facade of our life... rips away the veil... cuts through the illusion - and a “hidden” truth, is revealed.

Her “night vision” is flawless. She is patient. Quietly, softly unyielding. She holds the power to awaken us from whatever it is that we “refuse” to see. She is a soft, piercing light - from the dark side of the moon - who beckons us and guides us home.

If you are wise, you will heed her call. If you push her away, she will retreat into the deepest recesses of your soul. There, she will create a subtle turbulence - and you will never know True Peace.

If you startle her or try to “capture” her, she may scratch you. If you try to oppress her - in time, she will pounce again - for it is impossible to contain her forever. Ignore her... and it will feel as though you died... a long time ago.

Love her - without the need to possess her or cage her in, for she is far too independent for that. See her - without the need to “forcefully” uncover her hidden-ness, for she is far too private for that.

Speak softly to her - for loud, harsh sounds will chase her away. Learn to listen to her and follow the wisdom of her ways - for she will never be silenced into oblivion.

Any attempt to confine her, to possess her, to dominate or control her - any attempt to force her to reveal herself “before her time” - and she will vanish into the night-time mist and be gone.

If you let her... she will teach you how to love her. She will welcome you into the sacred garden of her Eternal Peace - and share her deepest secrets with you.

Love her, as she needs to be loved - and she will never leave you, as she will love you forever. Tenderly she will kiss you - as she holds you in the sweetest embrace and gently guides you Home.



Section III

Family Influences



Factors influencing Birth Order

It is rare that a family has all the same gender children which would characteristically fit into the archetypal birth order patterns as have been described. To understand a child in a mixed gender family, one must consider the three influences that affect their behavior and personality. They are:

- **GENETIC NUMBER**
- **GENDER NUMBER**
- **SOCIAL INFLUENCE**

Genetic Number

The prime influence on a child is called the genetic position. This refers to the position of the child in the father's line of children, that is, the first or second or third child born to the same father. The genetic position also is defined by the gender of the first child from that father. This means that once a father has given birth to a No. 1 girl, all the subsequent children will be called a "girl" even if some are boys. For example, if a father has two girls and then a boy, they will be called, No. 1 girl, No. 2 girl, and, yes, even though the third is a boy, he is considered a No. 3 girl. This means that his characteristics are most like a No. 3 girl. Of course, he will express this in more boy-like ways, but his basic character traits are still going to be compassionate, community oriented, and leaning toward careers in health or justice. Similarly, if the first-born in a family is a boy, all the subsequent children follow the boy positions. So, if the second child is a girl, she is still a fiery, physically oriented, outwardly directed No. 2 boy.



If a father has children with one woman, then marries another and continues having more children, these children are still counted according to his line, not the mother's. For example, a father may have two boys with his first wife, then three more children with the second. The last child may be the third born to the second wife, but will still be considered a No. 5 boy (whether a girl or boy) because the first-born is a son, and that child is the 5th born for the father. In this example that is graphically depicted below, notice that the triangles show boys, and the circles show girls:

First wife:



No. 1 boy



No. 2 boy

Second wife:



No. 3 boy



No. 4 boy (*even though she is a girl*)



No. 5 boy (*even though she is a girl*)



Gender Number

The next most important influence in understanding the characteristics of a child is the gender number. Even though genetic number is primary and has the most influence, a child will also be influenced by the number of children of her own gender. This means that the first girl born in a family, even though she is born after boys, will also reflect the characteristics of a No. 1 girl. The second girl in a family with first-born boys, will have secondary characteristics of a No. 2 girl. So, in the example above, the fourth child (a girl) born to the same father is primarily a No. 4 boy, with secondary characteristics of a No. 1 girl. She will have the charisma, imagination and celebratory nature of a No. 4 boy and she will probably enjoy bringing large groups together into the context of her home and family as she expresses her strong mothering nature. Similarly, in a family where the first two children are girls followed by a boy, this boy is still genetically a No. 3 girl, but will have secondary

characteristics of a No. 1 boy due to his gender position.

For example, the Smiths have three children, two boys (Peter and James) and a girl (Mary)

Peter  *First born boy (No. 1 boy)*

James  *Second after a boy (No. 2 boy)*

Mary  *Third after a boy, first girl (No. 3 boy -genetic/ 1 girl - gender)*

In this family, Peter is the first born and tends to display the characteristics attributed to that position “the independent dreamer.” Because he is close to his mother, Peter may have a distant relationship with his father.

James is the second child after a boy (Peter). He is the Champion, the athlete or sports hero type, succeeding through pure determination and aggression. He may have a poor relationship with his mother, preferring to hang out with father and do ‘man things’.

Mary is the third child after a first born boy. She is the Fox or Chess Master with a quick, clever mind. However, the secondary influence of her gender number dictates that she will also be affected by being the first girl. This means that she will, in essence, be a clever Little Mother, using her mind and superior networking and negotiating skills to unobtrusively solve problems and heal her family.



If the Smiths have another child who is also a girl, she will have the combined characteristics of the No. 4 child after a boy (in the birth order sequence) and the No. 2 girl (by gender). This child will delight and entertain with stories of her adventures with the fairies in the garden and enthrall us with her imagination.

Social Influences

The third factor affecting a child is Social Dynamics. To understand the complexity of a family using the Birth Order method, there are certain environmental and social factors which create variations that need to be considered. These are:

- **LOSS OF A CHILD THROUGH:**
 - *Miscarriages or abortions*
 - *Stillbirths or early deaths*
- **BLENDED FAMILIES AND ADOPTIONS**
- **GRANDPARENTS OR OTHERS IN THE HOUSE**

Loss of a Child

When considering the birth order pattern, the loss of a child through a miscarriage or abortion needs to be taken into consideration, particularly if the pregnancy goes over 16 weeks. Still births or early childhood deaths also have an impact on all further siblings.

Count all of these children even if they have passed on, as if they were part of the genetic number count. If a No. 2 boy died in infancy, the next child will still be a No. 3 boy even if raised as a second son.

Blended Families and Adoptions

In our ever-changing society, family situations may alter several times in a child's life. The social impact of separation, divorce, remarriage, step siblings, and adoptions can all affect the characteristics associated with a child's birth position. A woman may have two girls from her first marriage, and then remarry someone who has a boy from a previous marriage. If the boy is older than the two girls, then the girls will take on the characteristics of the No. 2 & No. 3 boy positions. This social impact

cannot be overlooked, for even though the girls maintain the original qualities of their birth positions, they now take on the secondary influence of this new social position.



FIRST FAMILY



First born girl (12 years old)



Second born girl (5 years old)

SECOND FAMILY



First born boy (13 years old)

BLENDED FAMILY



First born boy



Second child after a boy I First born girl



Third child after a boy I Second born girl

Grandparents or others in the house

The social impact on a child may not only come from other children as in the blended family or adoptions. The dynamics within a household can also be altered with the presence of live-in grandparents or boarders.



There is innocence in every child that deserves to be honored, nurtured, and protected. Enlightened communities love each other's children as much as they love their own.



Parental Influence

In addition to the unique qualities of each birth order position, there are also similarities among the children (within a sequence) who have the same polarity: ie. inwardly directed (yin) or outwardly directed (yang). The presence or absence of the father has a similar effect on those of the same polarity within any given sequence of siblings.



For example, boys in the No. 1, No. 3 and No. 5 positions have a yin quality-gently, inwardly focused and mentally oriented, with an increasingly sharper focus-the higher they are in the birth order position. For any of these boys, if their father is overbearing, aggressive, or even angry, they will tend to turn even further inward. They may become silent, a No. 1 boy tending toward self-sabotage and illness and No. 3 boy plotting sneakily to get what he wants, despite his father's emotionally controlling nature. These boys need a role model in their father who honors their imagination and intelligence and teaches them to express themselves honestly.



Conversely, if a father of yin boys is either absent or very passive (i.e., emotionally absent), they tend to become more physical and externally focused. In a way, it is as if they are filling the gap, taking on their own guidance missing from the father, but in a more dominating way. Thus, a No. 1 son may become more aggressive and angry and a No. 3 son will use his capability for manipulation and joking to get attention.

Yang boys, that is, the sons in the No. 2, No. 4, and No. 6 positions also react negatively when a father is overly aggressive. Already outwardly focused and energetic, they will not allow having their high energy squelched by an overbearing father. The No. 2 boy will become more inappropriately aggressive and will likely become antagonistic, especially with his mother and other women, while the No. 4 boy will forcefully take centerstage. For these boys, having a father who is absent or passive actually softens their usual high energy, and they will lose that special spark that is characteristic of their fiery natures.

Again, if a father of yang boys is either absent or very passive (i.e., emotionally absent), their eldest brother will have shifted in polarity towards the more masculine energy. This change will cause a switch towards the yin for these yang boys, creating a softening effect. They may become closer to their mother, more in touch with their feelings, and interested in the technicolor, the metaphysical.

Daughters in the yang positions, No. 1, No. 3 and No. 5, normally lean toward their

fathers for affirmation and strength. Aggressive or angry fathers stifle their natural nurturing of family and community and may even create a tendency for them to attract abusive relationships later in life. An absent or passive father may suppress feelings in these daughters, leading them to turn to their mothers for support while losing their natural sense of purpose and meaning in life. They may continually search for security through relationships (No. 1) or through controlling the details of their work (No. 3).

The yin daughters are typically inwardly focused and somewhat elusive in their nature. Although normally very emotionally sensitive, having a passive or absent father can render these girls emotionally insecure, feeling vulnerable as a woman or even overwhelmed by the enormity of life. They may turn to fantasy or imagine themselves as having mysterious powers in order to build confidence. Aggressive fathers bring out a backlash of rebellion and haughtiness, adding a harsh edge to the usually gentle nature of these girls.



Sayings...

There are many common references to animals and landscapes that we use in our every day language. Here are a few See if you can add some

- *Whale of a tale*
- *Float like a butterfly sting like a bee*
- *Wise as an owl*

- *Lion hearted*
- *Snake in the grass*
- *Monkeying around*
- *Playing possum*
- *Soft as a rabbit*
- *Gentle as a lamb*
- *Fly like an eagle*
- *Head in the clouds*
- *Like a Tasmanian devil*
- *Bull in a China closet*
- *Puppy love*
- *Purr like a kitten*
- *Old man river*
- *Like a bear in the morning*
- *Busy as a beaver*
- *On cloud nine*
- *Hound dog man*
- *Bats in the belfry*
- *Sly as a fox*
- *Apple of her daddy's eye*

- *Horsing around*
- *Sneaky as a weasel*
- *The eyes of a hawk*
- *Like a deer in the headlights*
- *Mean as a saltwater crocodile*
- *Sitting duck*
- *Sleeps like a log*
- *Snores like a bear*
- *Blind as a bat*
- *Night owl*
- *Foxy lady*
- *Once in a blue moon*



Teach me to cultivate a love for all Your children, for no one, no one is without redeeming value. Let the good in me connect with the good in others, until all the world is transformed through the compelling power of love.

Rebbe Nachman of Breslov 18th Century Hasidic Master





Section IV

Grandparents



“When the grandmother values herself enough to speak, the world will be saved.”

Hopi Prophecy



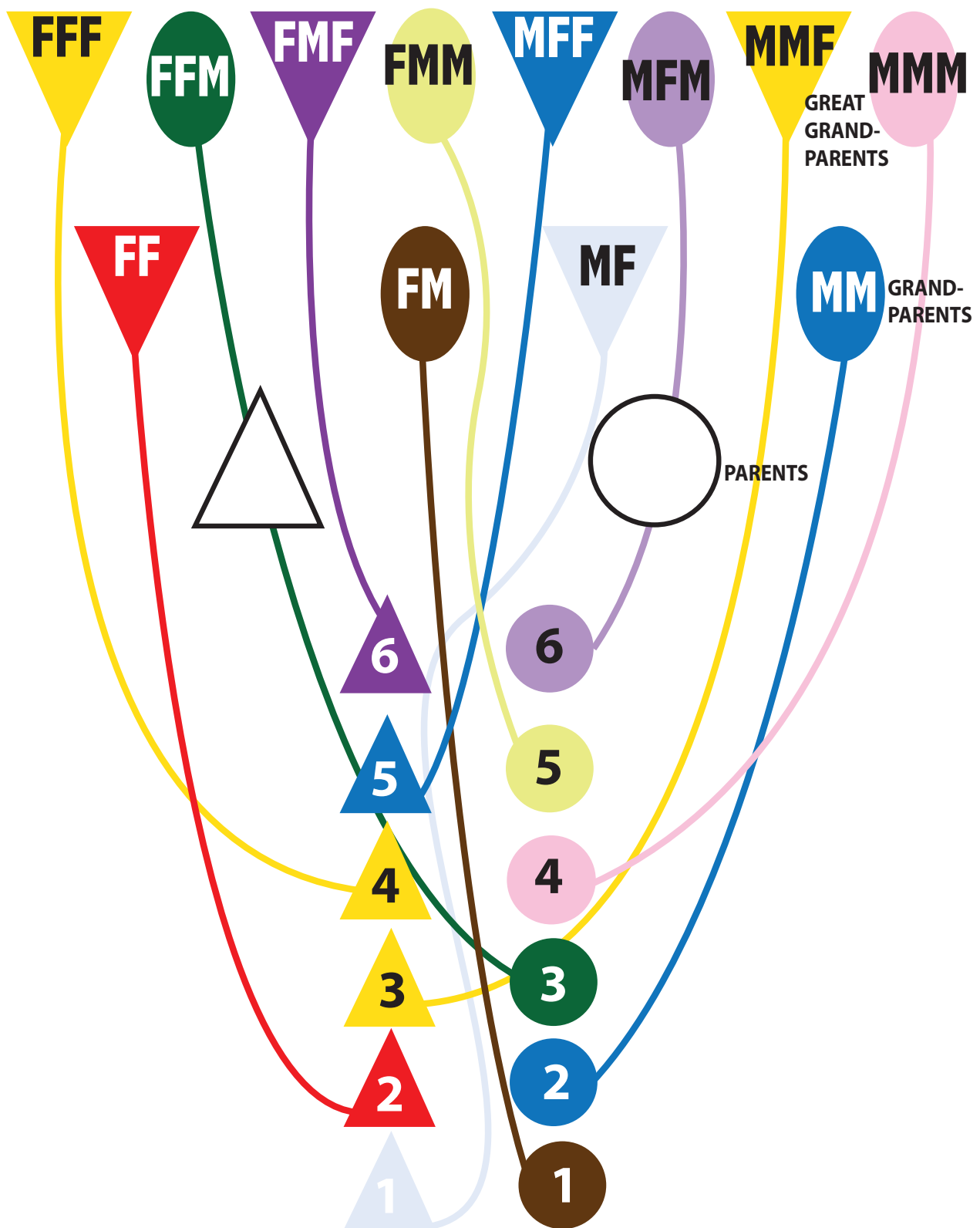
The Grandparent Connection

In former times, a white-haired grandparent with wise sparkling eyes would sit around the fire at night telling stories to children. With measured strokes of a master craftsman, the words of the storyteller shaped and guided the inner beauty of a child. In this setting, wide-eyed children processed myths and symbols with an intelligence they did not know they possessed. Grandparents were more than mere entertainment. Through their words, childhood fears were dissolved and pathways illuminated. Grandparents have the capacity to connect with the hearts and souls of their grandchildren in a way that their parents are unable.

However, times have changed. In today's world, families are often scattered across countries or the planet. Some children may never meet their grandparents due to distance or inner-family conflict. Yet, children are undeniably connected to their grandparents and great-grandparents, genetically and energetically.

The following diagram of a family tree indicates the lines of connection between the birth order positions with their associated grandparents.

FAMILY TREE/SIBLINGS



This is a simplified version of the primary connection each birth order position has with a corresponding grandparent. Notice how all the Yang children are from the father's side of the family, while all the Yin children are from the mother's side. All grandparents affect their grandchildren in different ways. Imagine the branches of the family being like the nerves of the brain. Our love for our grandparents brings us health and happiness.



Grandparents possess a wealth of experience and wisdom to offer their grandchildren. There are many ways that they can connect with them and show nurturing. Children love attention, playing games, and receiving gifts, and they have a great need to be touched. Especially under the age of two, they can never be touched or kissed too much. Touch nurtures, heals, and brings an increased awareness to the mind and body of a child. As a grandparent, the art of consciously giving love is like being a good gardener: gently preparing the soil by removing weeds of negative family traits and planting seeds of love and then fostering growth through awareness and clarity. It takes years of practice for grandparents to know their grandchildren and learn the best tools for nurturing their souls, minds, and bodies.

There are three primary instruments of love that a grandparent can use to bring more light and peace into their families:

1. PRAYER

2. CONSCIOUSNESS

3. STORIES (*true, fictional, and fairy tales*)

These tools are the most effective in accessing the internal nature of the child. Most children are too young and immature to consciously access their own inner needs. As a child is maturing, it is the sacred duty of parents and grandparents to be aware of each child's internal needs and to meet them. Grandparents have a childlike nature which matches the tender innocence of children.



From this vantage point, grandparents can easily contact the more subtle, invisible places within a child and nurture them. Like soldiers and servants, grandparents stand guard with prayer against the return of negative patterns in the family tree. Then, with the use of conscious focus and stories, grandparents provide a strong foundation for preserving the spiritual purity of the child. Usually, by the age of seven, a door begins to close within the child. This closure is a natural process of maturity. The child is then mature enough to begin to consciously protect him/herself. But the wise grandparent continues to be vigilant and serve the child in different ways. What the grandparent has done is maintained the child's access to the spiritual realms so that it will always be available later in life.

Enhancing Your Child's Potential

THE USE OF FAIRY TALES AND OTHER TECHNIQUES

Throughout the ages, the spoken word has been used as a tool to open the minds and touch the hearts of children. On each continent, and within every culture, words have been the primary tool for guiding and empowering the young. The vibration of the voice and the symbols it conveys can access hidden super-conscious levels of a child's mind and calls forth latent gifts.

Regardless of a child's age, its super-conscious mind is amazingly intelligent. This intelligence is responsible for managing and nurturing the DNA as it evolves into a human body. This same intelligence takes in an endless stream of impressions and experiences, a constant symphony of feelings. Each of these feelings - no matter

how small - is categorized, stored, and utilized to guide and develop the child's consciousness. A child, even when asleep, hears, understands, and responds to spoken words, especially if they come from someone who loves the child.

The power of love, focused through the symbols of a story, can be used to trigger movement at the deepest level of a child's mind. When a child hears a story, the unconscious mind instantly translates the words into different languages that match the diverse levels of the child's existence.

Each symbol within a story affects the body, the feelings, and the thoughts in different ways, stirring the genetic memory of a specific family line. Water, for example, is a feminine symbol. It provides access to a specific feeling and motivates a precise action. The feelings associated with water are peace and gentleness, and the word itself in a story encourages the mind towards spatial perception and multiple possibilities.



Four generations of mothers and daughters

In contrast, the word fire is masculine, the feelings it generates are emotional, like anger or passion, and the mental focus is one of action and determination. The

father's side of the family is activated, and usually the family line of the paternal grandfather comes into play. There is an increase in overall body action and a decrease in mental activity. The masculine qualities of fire have a completely different influence from that of the feminine word water. But the super intelligence of a young child's mind knows the universal meanings of each word spoken and adds its own variations from the personal experiences it has acquired.



Four generations of fathers and sons

By hearing different stories, different systems of the child are stimulated and strengthened. Like tuning the instruments of the orchestra, the symbols of a story can dissolve imbalances in different family lines. They can also guide the child towards innate gifts of which it would otherwise be unaware.

As the voice of a parent or grandparent tells a story, it delivers a rhythmic sequence of images into the symbolic part of a child's mind. The movement of these images activates the corresponding unresolved patterns within the body and mind, bringing up the fears that created them. Study has found that repetition of the story gradually dissolves the patterns and the pressures they generate. At the same time, the old fears are processed and released. With the aid of these story images) inner blueprints of pain are symbolically released before they create physical, mental, or social outcomes. This brings peace to the mind and body of the child) allowing the light

within to shine more brightly.

This feminine aspect of a child's symbolic mind is one of the reasons that fear is often expressed as an evil witch in children's stories. When the witch dies in a story, the implicit message to the child's mind is to release the fear associated with its symbolism. The feminine gender of the witch directs the point of consciousness within the child's mind to a deeper level.



The indirect and feminine nature of a child's mind makes grandparents the perfect candidates to read stories to young children. The childlike softness of a grandparent's voice is like a key inserted into the lock of a child's mind. The wisdom within a grandparent's consciousness calls the child to a higher state of consciousness, as the symbols of the story do their work to dissolve the earthly fears. The union of hearts between a child and a grandparent affects parts within the child that no one else can reach. The nature of the love between grandparent and grandchild is that of being acknowledged, revered, and nurtured. The telling of stories builds bridges between grandparents and grandchildren, revealing and deepening the timeless connection between them.

Which Stories to Use and How

When in doubt about which stories to use, consider the classic fairy tales. Stories

become classics because they work. Many contemporary stories are good for entertainment or building a child's imagination, but they often lack the essential mechanics to solve deeper problems. The same is true for many spontaneous stories that children enjoy so much. Continue to use such stories, but regularly add a classic to your story selection. The following is a short list of classic fairy tales that touch different lines in the family tree:

- *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*
- *The Wizard of Oz*
- *Jack and the Beanstalk*
- *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*
- *The Little Mermaid*
- *Little Red Riding Hood*
- *The Fisherman's Wife*
- *Hansel and Gretel*
- *The Three Little Pigs*
- *The Little Engine that Could*
- *The Mouse and the Lion*
- *Aladdin*
- *Snow White*
- *How Br'er Rabbit Fooled Br'er Fox*
- *Rumpelstiltskin*
- *Cinderella*

- *Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves*
- *The Princess and the Pea*
- *Rapunzel*
- *The Emperor's New Clothes*

Make a family project of supplying all existing grandparents with transcripts of the best versions of the fairy tales. If necessary, provide the recorder and some high-quality blank cassette tapes. Be persistent and give them every manner of support and encouragement to complete the task. Some grandparents may not feel capable of reading and recording stories for the grandchildren. But if they are lucid enough to talk and read, they are capable of doing at least some of this truly sacred task. Explain to the grandparents that you want them to leave a gift of love for future generations—the gift of the grandparent's voice. Ask the grandparent to practice reading the story aloud at least five to seven times before recording it, and then to imagine reading the story to their grandchild as if the child were asleep in the same room. Theatrical recordings are also wonderful, but to access deeper levels of consciousness, a soft voice is best. Having the grandchild present during the recording is usually not practical. Young children have a tendency to interrupt by asking questions or making comments. Touching and endearing though this may be, it doesn't normally work for the purpose of making a recording intended for future generations. When the grandparent finishes the story, make duplicates and keep the master copy in a safe place. Repeat the process with all the grandparents in the family. Over time, these recordings will become heirlooms more precious than diamonds or gold.

The day will come when a grandchild in need of a physical or mental healing will listen to a specific story read to them by a specific grandparent. A return to a perfect healthy mind and body is the reward. A healthy child may listen to a sequence of stories that automatically opens an innate gift of genius in art, music, or mathematics. Such is the power of a grandparent's loving voice that the genius they inspire may well help solve a problem such as conflict, disease, and suffering that has plagued humankind for centuries. What a treasure we could leave for future generations!

If your grandparents are already deceased, incapable or simply unwilling to participate in this family project, then find replacements. Search the countryside high and

low for the best grandparents you can find. Look for that grandparent whose life exemplifies the highest in spiritual and personal achievement. Find a grandparent whose eyes sparkle, whose mind is as open as the galaxy, and whose heart is filled with courageous joy and softness. Most of all, find a grandparent who loves God.

Ask or beg this grandparent to record stories for your children. Make extra copies for your friends and neighbors. When the soft dew of this grandparent's voice begins to feed the roots of your children's minds, your family tree will grow stronger than ever.

Using recorded stories

Live performances are much better than recordings, but in this day and age, when grandparents are scattered to the four corners of the world, recordings are the best option. Parents can play recorded stories for their children at any time, and stories are much better for their children than television. But perhaps the best time to play stories is at bedtime.

The hour around bedtime is the most important hour of the day for children. This is the time when they can release the stresses of the day, and prepare to meet the challenges of tomorrow. This is family time, which, like eating meals together, strengthens family bonds and builds character in the child.



The first hour of a child's sleep is a gift from the universe to parents. During this special hour, a child's mind becomes completely open to the voice of the parents and grandparents. The inner intelligence of the child hears, receives, and processes the symbols within a story. It also feels and responds to the vibration of the voice as if the person were actually present in the room. This is the perfect time to softly play one of the recordings from the family collection of stories recorded by the grandparents. You may even choose to remain in the room and listen to the story yourself. When the parent and the child are both resting quietly, listening to the voice of a grandparent, something very special begins to happen. It is something that transcends the boundaries of everyday life and lifts the family one rung higher up the ladder to heaven.



A grandmother and her grandson with a guide in the Great Pyramid of Giza

Imagination is stronger than reality

The reality may be that in your lifetime, you have only met two or three of your grandparents. The grandparents you did meet may have been old, difficult or distant. Whether vacant, beautiful, or pungent, your mind holds images of your grandparents. These pictures you have inside yourself are having a dramatic effect on your health and happiness. Understanding how your mind stores and continues to process images is an important step on the journey of helping yourself and your family.



Consider for a moment the powerful effect going to the movies has on you. You may go, fully knowing the story is neither real nor true. You know the characters are only actors, and the story they are portraying didn't actually happen to them. You sit and watch on the screen a series of pictures, just shadows on the wall. Nothing about this whole situation is real. But still, you laugh, cry and sometimes you are frightened. Your heart races, your brain chemistry changes, and you are unable to stop these responses. What part of you is reacting so strongly to these unreal images?

The images you hold of your grandparents are equally as strong, and they also move your body to react, but over a longer period of time. If you imagine your grandparents as non-existent, then within you is a place of emptiness. When you see your grandparents as old and dying, a part of you also begins to die. What you hold as an image inside you is what you are instructing your mind to build within your body. What would you feel like if you used the same power of the mind to produce new images of your grandparents? Imagine dissolving the negative memories of your grandparents you hold in your mind. Let go of every unkind word or story your par-

ents have ever spoken about your grandparents. Imagine all of your grandparents as young, alive, and beautiful. What would it feel like if everyone in your family tree actually loved each other?

Some of the sweetest things on earth began as imagination. Regardless of what you may have heard or experienced about your grandparents, each and everyone of them is a beautiful soul.



Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.

Proverbs 17: 6

“...for there is an eventuality as respects the sons of mankind and an eventuality as respects the beast, and they have the same eventuality. As the one dies, so the other dies, and they all have but one spirit, so there is no superiority of the man over the beast ... ”

Ecclesiastes 3: 19



Section V

Polarities in Nature



Landscapes and animals in Nature

How they relate to birth order in the family tree

“... for man has no superiority over the beast.”

There is a divine perfection in every species and form in nature. Within each time of the day, cycle of the moon, and season of the year, there is a precious quality waiting for us to adore. Every moment is a divinely inspired experience that will never be repeated. No two sunrises or sunsets are ever the same. The earth is forever changing its position in space. The entire galaxy is softly dancing with the lover of its destiny. Through the eternal rhythm of change, there exist some unchangeable constants. These same unique qualities and universal constants are also found in the family tree.

Within each member of the family tree, there is a unique feeling that can be accessed and felt when we open ourselves to feel it. Every branch of our family tree, and each grandparent that composes that part of the family, holds a distinct universal quality shared by all of us. In children, these unique qualities are reflected by the diversity of animals in nature. When we consider the timeless universal qualities of grandparents, we will find them embodied in the living presence of landscapes and elements.

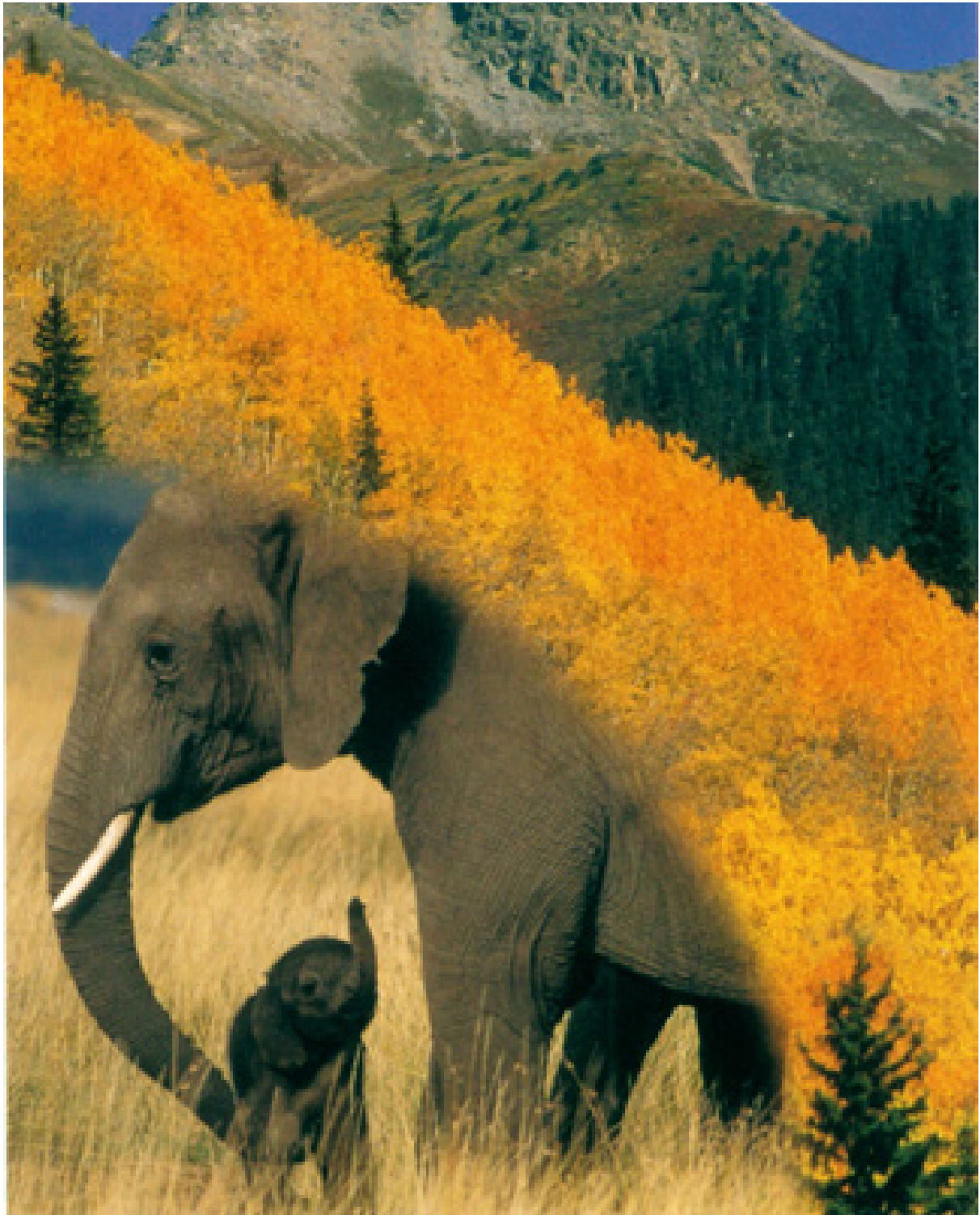
In the following twelve pages are animals, elements, and landscapes that correspond with each of the twelve siblings and their connections to grandparents. Compare the animals and landscapes represented on the left page with that on the right page.

Give yourself the gift of pondering and feeling the selection of pictures we have chosen. These are just a few examples of the natural world matching birth order positions.

Whenever you find yourself in nature, consider the deeper and richer possibilities that exist for you to discover. No matter where you go, you are always embraced and nourished by your family.



The Koala lives in the trees and sleeps 19 hours a day. This soft dreamy animal reminds us of the No. 1 son. This child's element is the air, and he awakens to maturity through the inspiration of his mother's father. When ~we breathe the air, we share molecules that have been present tens of thousands of years.



The matriarchal presence of the mother elephant helps us appreciate the protective, life-giving qualities of the No. 1 daughter. The earth element and its stability within this girl, is nourished by the inner strength of father's mother. The birth of any child or animal is reason for all of us to rejoice.



The bold physical power of the Cape buffalo demonstrates the second son's dynamic strength and inner life force. Through the love of the father's father, the passions of the fire element are directed and utilized for the well being of the family. Without the source of primal fire, the world would be an empty place.



The sleek, inner strength of the elusive panther hints at the mysterious powers of the No. 2 girl. The water element of the moon is especially heightened and revealed when it falls upon an unseen lake. The enchanted peace of mother's mother stirs the imagination for this and more.



The piercing gaze of the clever fox, transmits a clarity existing within the intelligence of the No. 3 son. The sword-like sharpness of a child's mind is honed to the point of glistening when it knows of the presence of the mother's mother's father. Like water carving stone, clear thoughts shape the mind.



The vital strength and stability of the buffalo are felt and embraced by the innate wisdom in the No. 3 daughter. Her serving and healing abilities are manifested when she embodies the loving firmness of the father's father's mother. The ancient testament of the trees points the way to health and happiness.



Behold the majestic presence of the noble lion. The No. 4 son would he a loving king of a nation, providing fellowship and prosperity for all. The joyful presence of the father's father's father brings forth cause for celebration. The thunder of the heart calls us to remember the greater purpose of life.



The swan's ability to transform dark to light is very much like the grace of No. 4 girl's rose-petaled heart. When the "dark night of the soul" brings an omen of change, it is the translucent love from mother's mother's mother that gives us the means of letting go. To receive without question, and know without judging is the only way.



The symmetry of the horns and the simplicity of the impala are but a glimmer of the artistic genius within the No. 5 son. When mother's father's father inspires the love of perfection, the beauty of the soul flows through the mind and out the fingers. Every species and form in nature produces art, poetry, and music.



The flashing stripes and group closeness of the zebras heralds the unity of all living things. It is the compassion of fifth daughter that reaches out and holds the web of life together. Father's mother's mother is the one who opens the fountain of this life force. The proclamation, "From the many, comes one" is a global truth.



The grizzly bear's supremacy in his domain is undeniable. The sixth son has within him a greater ability to master himself and others. The journey to the pinnacle of the mountain is realized when the father's mother's father provides the compelling will to climb. From the light of the eastern mountain, we find our way home.



The pure innocence of the baby harp seal being nurtured by the light conveys the inner sweetness of the No. 6 daughter. The love of mother's father's mother prepares the place where snow is the cathedral and bliss the altar. Oneness is the hand that lifts the veil of silence. Purity is the mother of the soul.



And then...

When you look at the face of a child, you can see the innocence and beauty that dwells there. When you hear a child giggle, you can feel the joy that bubbles through them. When you hold a child to your chest) you can feel the love that flows from your own heart. Nothing in this world can open your heart, heal your body, and nourish your soul like the love of a child. Children have an inner magic. They are the crown of the family tree and deserve to be lifted into the light of their greatest potential.

Every child born into the family is beautiful and special. Like precious flowers growing in a meadow, children need the light of attention and the water of loving feelings to nurture them. Children also need to plant their roots in the earth. This is best achieved when they feel the gentle firmness that comes from parents who hold and nourish them.

As children make their first tentative steps into the world, they are as playful as rabbits, deer, and foxes. Some are as fast as the cheetah, others as slow as turtles. Some children build their nests close to home; others flyaway to build their homes in distant lands. Regardless of where they go, children need gentle hands and firm hearts to guide them. Mothers love their children the way they are. Fathers want them to reach a little higher and become something more.

Like the ecology of a valley, a community provides the means for all of us to know and to love each other's children. It doesn't matter if you have children or not. All children belong to you. Children do best when they can trust and receive love from other adults in the same way they receive love from their parents. The wisdom and unique skills offered by other members of a society strengthen the character and sharpen the intellect of children. Harmony and peace in a community provides the best means for children to learn and to grow. But of all the love that can be found in the home and in the broader world, it is the love of Grandparents that provides the greatest unseen potential. There are only two parents. But a child has twelve grandparents and great grandparents to pour love into them. When the love from grand-

parents is added into a child's life, miracles are possible. Like children, grandparents belong to everyone.



No matter what children become or where they go, the love of their grandparents is there to greet them. The love from grandparents transcends space and time. It is as present as the changing seasons and as eternal as the twinkling of stars. When children love their grandparents, they can feel their strength in the vast forests and majestic mountains. The sweetness of grandparents can be breathed in the freshness of the wind and inspired by the dawning of a sunrise.

When a child needs solitude, it may be found in the stillness of the desert or near the soothing peace of a silent lake. As in grandparents, an ancient wisdom resides in the trees that is available for children to receive. When a child needs to find their own purpose in life, they can sit by a gentle river and listen to the voices of their grandparents speaking softly to them. If a child needs to grieve, they may walk near an ocean, where the ebb and flow of the tides will take their pain and restore their natural rhythms. Such is the love that comes from their grandparents.

Even if a child has never known their grandparents, the love of each and every grandparent is carried within like precious gifts waiting to be opened. When chil-

dren take the time to reflect on the meaning of winter and feel the joy of spring, they will discover for themselves that their grandparents never leave them. The faces and hearts of grandparents are reflected in the endless diversity of nature. The love of grandparents is as eternal as the ages.

When guided to realize it, children will see nature as part of their own family. One day, children will fly with the eagles and call the sun “brother” and the moon “sister”. Playing with trees like they are siblings will keep children’s bodies healthy and their minds clear. Seeing the perfection and oneness in all of life and realizing their place within it will help children build a harmony on earth greater than we have ever known.

This is the wonder and beauty found in the nature of birth order.



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*“Go then, toward the high-growing trees,
And before one of them, which is beautiful,
High-growing and mighty,
Say these words:
‘Hail be unto thee! O good, living tree,
Made by the Creator!’
Then shall the River of Life
Flow between you and your Brother,
The Tree,
And health of the body,
Swiftness of foot,
Quick hearing of the ears,
Strength of the arms
And the eyesight of the eagle be yours.
Such is the Communion
With the Angel of Life,
Holy messenger of the Earthly Mother.”*

From the Dead Sea Scrolls
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